

**LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION  
AND VISITORS COMMISION**

**Lafayette, Louisiana**

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2020

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The President and Members of  
the Board of Commissioners  
Lafayette Parish Convention  
and Visitors Commission  
Lafayette, Louisiana

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***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.

#### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and

the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### *Opinions*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission, as of December 31, 2020, 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.

### *Other Matters*

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability (asset), schedule of employer contributions, and notes to the required supplementary information on pages 40-43 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.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### *Other Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 46 through 51 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The balance sheets-governmental fund and the statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance-governmental fund are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and

changes in fund balance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

We also have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the Commission's basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019, which are not presented with the accompanying financial statements and we expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as a whole. The 2019 information 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 and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2019 basic financial statements. The information on pages 46 through 47 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of those 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 2019 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements from which they have been derived.

The General Fund-budgetary comparison schedule-revenues and the General Fund-budgetary comparison schedule-expenditures have not been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or provide any assurance on them.

#### **Change in Accounting Principle**

As discussed in Note 11 to the financial statements, in 2020, the Commission adopted new accounting guidance, GASBS No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 21, 2021, on our consideration of the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission'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 the 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 Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Champagne & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Breaux Bridge, Louisiana  
May 21, 2021

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and investments	\$ 3,323,759
Taxes receivable	280,223
Accounts receivable	1,500
Prepaid items	146,221
Lease deposit	<u>350</u>
Total current assets	<u>3,752,053</u>

Noncurrent assets:

Capital assets, net	<u>2,111,314</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>2,111,314</u>

Total assets	<u>5,863,367</u>
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>218,120</u>
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LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	13,750
Payroll liabilities	<u>2,592</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>16,342</u>

Noncurrent liabilities:

Net pension liability	7,210
Compensated absences payable	<u>1,856</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>9,066</u>

Total liabilities	<u>25,408</u>
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>335,513</u>
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NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets	2,111,314
Unrestricted	<u>3,609,252</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 5,720,566</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Expenses:

Culture and recreation -	
Personnel	\$ 1,201,473
Administrative and public affairs	375,138
Tourism program	651,391
Convention program	107,387
Membership	281
Sports events	68,696
Gateway	40,000
Festival promotion	29,318
Local awareness	46,334
Parish external agency projects	61,762
Unplanned events	76,596
Total expenses	<u>2,658,376</u>

Program revenues:

Fees and service	43,149
Co-op programs	44,500
Operating grants and contributions	34,005
Total program revenues	<u>121,654</u>
 Net program expense	 <u>(2,536,722)</u>

General revenues:

Accommodation taxes, levied for general purposes	3,057,245
Interest and investment earnings	27,595
Intergovernmental revenue	12,394
Total general revenues	<u>3,097,234</u>
Change in net position	560,512
Beginning net position	<u>5,160,054</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 5,720,566</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)**

## **FUND DESCRIPTION - GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

### **MAJOR FUND**

#### **General Fund**

*The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.*

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Fund  
December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$ 3,323,759
Taxes receivable	280,223
Accounts receivable	1,500
Prepaid items	146,221
Lease deposit	<u>350</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,752,053</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 13,750
Payroll liabilities	<u>2,592</u>
Total liabilities	<u>16,342</u>
Fund balance:	
Nonspendable	146,221
Restricted	-
Committed	-
Assigned	-
Unassigned	<u>3,589,490</u>
Total fund balance	<u>3,735,711</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 3,752,053</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Lafayette, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2020

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at December 31, 2020 \$ 3,735,711

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

The noncurrent assets used in governmental activities are not a current use of financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

Capital assets:

Buildings and improvements, net of \$454,266 accumulated depreciation	\$2,029,297	
Equipment, net of \$104,671 accumulated depreciation	<u>82,017</u>	2,111,314

The deferred outflows of expenditures are not a use of current resources, and are therefore not reported in the funds:

Pension plan	218,120
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General long-term debt of governmental activities is not payable from current resources and, therefore, not reported in the funds. The debt is:

Compensated absences payable	(1,856)	
Net pension liability	<u>(7,210)</u>	<u>(9,066)</u>

The deferred inflows of contributions are not available resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Pension plan	<u>(335,513)</u>
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Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2020 \$ 5,720,566

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Lafayette, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-  
Governmental Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Revenues:	
Taxes	\$ 3,057,245
State grants	34,005
Fees and service	43,149
Co-op programs	44,500
Interest	<u>27,595</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,206,494</u>
Expenditures:	
Current -	
Culture and recreation:	
Personnel	1,167,797
Administrative and public affairs	285,182
Tourism program	651,391
Convention program	107,387
Membership	281
Sports events	68,696
Gateway	40,000
Festival promotion	29,318
Local awareness	46,334
Parish external agency projects	61,762
Unplanned events	76,596
Capital outlay	<u>(2,649)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,532,095</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	674,399
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>3,061,312</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,735,711</u>

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund  
to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Total net change in fund balance at December 31, 2020	
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	\$ 674,399

The 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 outlay which is considered expenditures on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	\$ (2,649)	
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2020	(89,956)	(92,605)

Expenses not requiring the use of current financial resources and, therefore, not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds

Net change in compensated absences payable	2,976	
Net change in net pension asset and related deferreds	(24,258)	(21,282)

Total change in net position at December 31, 2020 per Statement of Activities	\$ 560,512
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

## **FUND DESCRIPTION - FIDUCIARY FUND**

### **AGENCY FUND**

The following fund is reflected in the statement of fiduciary net position.

### **Visitor Enterprise Fund**

To account for funds appropriated by the Louisiana State Treasury.

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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Fund  
December 31, 2020

	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72,868
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>1,750</u>
Net Position	
Restricted for:	
Organizations and other governments	<u>\$ 71,118</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Lafayette, Louisiana

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Investment earnings:	
Interest	\$ 1,129
Grants received from State of Louisiana	200,000
Total additions	201,129
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Grants paid to organizations or other governments	185,125
Net increase in fiduciary net position	16,004
Net position-beginning, as restated	55,114
Net position-ending	\$ 71,118

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission (hereafter referred to as the "Commission") has been created by and in accordance with provisions of Act 38 of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Lafayette Parish Ordinance No. 277 of 1974, for the purpose of promoting the Convention and Visitors Industry of the Lafayette Parish area to the greatest possible extent.

The accompanying financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental and financial reporting principles. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent sections of this note.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Commission conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of States and Local Governments*.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by or dependent on the Commission and legislative branches (the President and Board of Commissioners). Control by or dependence on the Commission was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

Based on the foregoing criteria, certain units of local government over which the Commission exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish council, parish school board, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from that of the Commission.

The Commission is governed by a Board of Commissioners composed of nine members. One member is appointed by the Acadiana Hotel-Motel Association; one member is appointed by the Restaurant Association; one member is appointed by the Retail Merchants Association; one member is appointed by the President of the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government; four members are appointed by the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government; and one member is appointed by One Acadiana (formerly the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce).

The Commission is considered a related organization of the Lafayette City – Parish Consolidated Government. The Government is responsible for appointing members to the Board of Commissioners but the Government's accountability does not extend beyond making these appointments.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity, except the fiduciary funds. The Commission has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between program revenues of the Commission and the cost of the function. Program revenues are derived directly from Commission users as a fee for services. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounts of the Commission are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. *The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.*

The various funds of the Commission are classified into two categories – governmental and fiduciary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Commission or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The fund of the Commission considered to be a major fund is described below:

Governmental Fund -

General Fund

The General Fund is the principal fund of the Commission and is used to account for all and report all financial resources of the Commission. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Additionally, the Commission reports the following fund type:

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Fiduciary Fund –

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and therefore are not available to support Commission programs. The Commission has adopted GASBS No. 84 for the reporting and classification of its fiduciary activities. Fiduciary reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and is reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

The Commission's fiduciary fund is presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type (custodial). Because by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local organizations or governments) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

The fund accounted for in this category for the Commission is a custodial fund. This fund is the Visitor Enterprise Fund and is used to account for funds appropriated by the Louisiana State Treasury.

C. Measurement Focus/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.*

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, change in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with these activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position.

In the fund financial statements, the current financial resources measurement focus is used. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset is used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available.” Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within 60 days of the end of the year, excluding the BP grant program. For the BP grant program, the government uses 18 months as the availability period.

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

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Equity

Cash, interest-bearing deposits, and investments

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts and money market mutual fund investments of the Commission.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received.

Capital Assets

The accounting treatment for buildings, improvements and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated fixed assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Interest costs are not capitalized as they relate to fixed assets. The Commission’s threshold for capitalization is \$1,000.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated 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 type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	20-40 years
Equipment and vehicles	5-15 years

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Commission's office earn from 12 to 18 days per year of vacation leave depending on length of service. In addition, employees earn 12 days of sick leave each year. Employees, with the exception of the President & CEO, shall be allowed to carry over one-third of their vacation leave earned during the current calendar year. With Board approval, the President & CEO is paid for any unused vacation leave at year-end. Sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 130 days; however, sick leave is not payable upon termination. Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are recorded in the government-wide statements as long-term debt. An employee who has depleted his/her accumulated sick and annual leave as a result of a seriously incapacitating and extended illness or injury may ask to receive donations of sick leave from other employees through the Sick Leave Bank (Medical Leave Assistance Program) in order that the ill/injured employee may receive income during the period when they are unable to work. The employee must have been with the Commission a *minimum of six months*.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be placed on the use, either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- c. *Unrestricted net position* – Net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

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

*Nonspendable* – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

*Committed* – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by Board of Commissioners.

*Assigned* – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission's adopted policy, only the Board of Commissioners may assign amounts for specific purposes.

*Unassigned* – all other spendable amounts.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

As of December 31, 2020 , fund balances are composed of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Nonspendable:	
Prepaid items	\$ 146,221
Restricted:	-
Committed:	-
Assigned:	-
Unassigned:	<u>3,589,490</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 3,735,711</u>

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

E. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2020 are recorded as prepaid items.

F. Expenditures

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources.

G. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions. Those estimates affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities.

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(2) Cash and Investments

Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Commission may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2020, the Commission has cash and interest bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$3,079,678, of which \$72,868 is attributable to the nonmajor fiduciary fund, which is not presented in the statement of net position.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Commission's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the pledging financial institution. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit within the financial institution. These securities are held in the name of the pledging financial institution in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2020, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 3,497,130</u>
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At December 31, 2020 the deposits are secured as follows:

Federal deposit insurance	\$ 250,000
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank not in Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission's name	<u>3,229,130</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,479,130</u>

Deposits in the amount of \$3,229,130 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the Commission's name. The Commission does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

At December 31, 2020, the Commission has one money market mutual fund investment. This investment is composed of Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations that are fully guaranteed as to payment by the United States government. Because of the safety of this investment, this investment takes exception to state law requiring security of federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The Commission had only one investment on which GASB Statement No. 31 applied. This investment was an investment in LAMP, which is also considered to be a money market mutual fund investment identified in the preceding sentences. GASB Statement No. 31 requires that investments, that fall within the definitions of said statement, be recorded at fair value. However, Statement No. 31 also states that investments in an external investment pool can be reported at amortized cost if the external investment pool operates in a manner consistent with the Security Exchange Commission's (SEC's) Rule 2a7. LAMP is an external investment pool that operates in a

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manner consistent with SEC Rule 2a7. LAMP is also regulated by the Treasury of the State of Louisiana and fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of pool shares.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No, 512, Act 701) enacted LSA-R.S. 33:2955 (a) (1) (h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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

At December 31, 2020, the Commission's investment, at cost, is \$316,949. The amortized cost of this investment at December 31, 2020 is \$316,977. Because cost approximates amortized cost, the carrying value was not adjusted.

(3) Taxes Receivable

The balance in taxes receivable of \$280,223 at December 31, 2020 represents the Commission's portion of the accommodation tax collected in December by the parish tax collector.

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(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> 01/01/20	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> 12/31/20
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	\$ 2,487,212	\$ 19,551	\$ (23,200)	\$ 2,483,563
Equipment	<u>185,688</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,688</u>
Totals	<u>2,672,900</u>	<u>20,551</u>	<u>(23,200)</u>	<u>2,670,251</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(391,728)	(62,538)	-	(454,266)
Equipment	<u>(77,253)</u>	<u>(27,418)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(104,671)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(468,981)</u>	<u>(89,956)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(558,937)</u>
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,203,919</u>	<u>\$ (69,405)</u>	<u>\$ (23,200)</u>	<u>\$ 2,111,314</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Administration and public affairs	<u>\$ 89,956</u>
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(5) Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of compensated absences transactions of the Commission for the year ended December 31, 2020. Because this relates to governmental activities, payments are made from the general fund.

	<u>Balance</u> 01/01/20	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> 12/31/20
Compensated absences	<u>\$ 4,832</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,976)</u>	<u>\$ 1,856</u>

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(6) Leasing Arrangements

The Commission has one operating lease agreement for the lease of a vehicle. The lease was initiated in 2019 for a term of four years. Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$10,238. The following is a schedule of minimum future rentals for the operating lease as of December 31, 2020:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 8,220
2022	8,220
2023	<u>6,163</u>
Total	<u>\$ 22,605</u>

(7) Risk Management

The Commission is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general and auto liability, property hazards, and workers' compensation. Those risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the current fiscal year nor have settlements exceeded coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

(8) Board of Commissioners' Compensation

No per diem or other compensation was paid to commissioners of the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission for the year ended December 31, 2020.

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(9) Pension Plan/GASB 68

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana and additions to/deductions from the Retirement System's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Retirement System. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana prepares its employer pension schedules in accordance with Governmental Accounting Statement No. 68—*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. GASB Statement No. 68 establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and expenses/expenditures. It provides methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. It also provides methods to calculate participating employer's proportionate share of net pension liability, deferred inflows, deferred outflows, pension expense, and amortization periods for deferred inflows and deferred outflows.

Basis of Accounting:

The System's employer pension schedules are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Member's earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. The member's earnable compensation is attributed to the employer for which the member is employed as of December 31, 2019.

The System complies with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, which included specifying the approach of contributing entities to measure pension liabilities for benefits provided through the pension plan.

System Employees:

The System is not allocated a proportionate share of the net pension liability related to its employees. The net pension liability attributed to the System's employees is allocated to the remaining employers based on their respective employer allocation percentage.

Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Plan fiduciary net position is a significant component of the System's collective net pension liability. The System's plan fiduciary net position was determined using the accrual basis of accounting. The System's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses were recorded with the use of estimates and assumptions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such estimates primarily related to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements and estimates over the

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determination of the fair market value of the System's investments. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Plan Description:

The Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission participates in a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. The System was established and provided for by R.S.11:1901 of the Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS).

The System provides retirement benefits to employees of taxing districts of a parish or any branch or section of a parish within the State which does not have their own retirement system and which elects to become members of the System.

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to these appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Eligibility Requirements:

All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate.

As of January 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

Retirement Benefits:

Any member can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service.
3. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

1. Age 55 with 30 years of service.
2. Age 62 with 10 years of service.
3. Age 67 with 7 years of service.

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Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits:

Upon the death of any member with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children, as outlined in the statutes.

Any member who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes.

A surviving spouse who is not eligible for Social Security survivorship or retirement benefits, and married not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding death of the member, shall be paid an Option 2 benefit beginning at age 50.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan:

Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the Retirement System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in which they are enrolled for three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

For individuals who become eligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in DROP will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the board of trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of the System, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of this Plan must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or the System, and that

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any returns and other rights of DROP are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

Disability Benefits:

A member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007, and has at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven years of creditable service, and is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than fifteen, or three percent multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age sixty for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2017 and to age sixty-two for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2007 and later.

Cost of Living Increases:

The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age sixty-five equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (RS 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Employer Contributions:

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 12.18% of member's compensation. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 was 11.50%.

According to state statute, the System also receives ¼ of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue in the amount of \$12,394 and excluded from pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2020.

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Schedule of Employer Allocations:

The schedule of employer allocations reports the historical employer contributions, in addition to the employer allocation percentage for each participating employer. The historical employer contributions are used to determine the proportionate relationship of each employer to all employers of Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. The employer's proportion was determined on a basis that is consistent with the manner in which contributions to the pension plan are determined. The allocation percentages were used in calculating each employer's proportionate share of pension amounts.

The allocation method used in determining each employer's proportion was based on each employer's contribution to the plan during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 as compared to the total of all employers' contributions received by the plan during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

Pension liability (asset), Pension expense, Deferred outflows of resources, and Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions:

At December 31, 2020, the Commission reported a liability of \$7,210 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2019 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Commission's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Commission's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2019, the Commission's proportion was 0.153158% which was an increase of 0.006015% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2018 .

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Commission recognized pension expense of \$143,027 less employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$463.

At December 31, 2020, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experiences	\$ -	\$ 64,544
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	270,263
Changes of assumptions	100,694	-
Change in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	11,514	706
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>105,912</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 218,120</u>	<u>\$ 335,513</u>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$105,912 related to pensions resulting from the Commission's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	
12/31/2021	\$ (47,921)
12/31/2022	(62,850)
12/31/2023	9,145
12/31/2024	<u>(121,679)</u>
	\$ (223,305)

Contributions-proportionate share:

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense (benefit) using the straight line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and

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amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the System and contributions reported by the participating employer.

Actuarial Assumptions:

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2019
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years
Investment Rate of Return	6.50%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	4.75%
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.
Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP 2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP 2018 scale for disabled annuitants.
Inflation Rate	2.40%

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Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.00% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.18% for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	35%	1.05%
Equity	52%	3.41%
Alternatives	11%	0.61%
Real assets	2%	0.11%
Totals	100%	5.18%
Inflation		2.00%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.18%

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. As a result of this study, mortality for employees was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. In addition, mortality for annuitants and beneficiaries was set equal

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to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement plans Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. For Disabled annuitants mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale.

Sensitivity of the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.50% or one percentage point higher 7.50% than the current rate.

	Changes in Discount Rate		
	1% Decrease 5.50%	Current Discount Rate 6.50%	1% Increase 7.50%
Employer's Proportionate share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 779,251	\$ 7,210	\$(639,746)

Change in Net Pension Liability:

The changes in the net pension liability for the year ended December 31, 2019 were recognized in the current reporting period as pension expense except as follows:

- A. Differences between expected and actual experience: Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The difference between expected and actual experience resulted in a deferred inflow of resources in the amounts of \$64,544 for the year ended December 31, 2020.
  
- B. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings: Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five- year period. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings resulted in a deferred inflow of resources in the amounts of \$270,263 for the year ended December 31, 2020.
  
- C. Change of assumptions or other inputs: Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-

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line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. Changes of assumptions or other inputs resulted in a deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$100,694 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

- D. Change in Proportion: Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer's pension expense/ (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan. The change in proportion resulted in a deferred outflow of \$11,514 and a deferred inflow of \$706 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Contributions – Proportionate Share

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employers' proportionate share are recognized in pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the System and contributions reported by the participating employer.

Retirement System Audit Report

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issued a stand-alone audit report on its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019. Access to the audit report can be found on the System's website: [www.persla.org](http://www.persla.org) or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: [www.la.state.la.us](http://www.la.state.la.us).

Estimates

The process of preparing the schedule of employer allocations and schedule of pension amounts in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

(10) Act 706 – Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits and Other Payments to Entity Head

Under Act 706, the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission is required to disclose the compensation, reimbursements, benefits, and other payments made to the President & CEO, in which the payments are related to the position. The following is a schedule of payments made to the President & CEO as of December 31, 2020:

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Agency Head Name:  
Benjamin J. Berthelot, President and CEO

Salary	\$ 158,469
Benefits - insurance	9,105
Benefits - retirement	18,975
Benefits - vehicle lease	8,220
Benefits - auto insurance on leased vehicle	<u>4,547</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 199,316</u>

(11) Restatement of Net Position

In January of 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. The Commission has adopted this standard in the year ended December 31, 2020.

As a result of implementation, net position was restated as follows:

Net position at December 31, 2019	\$	-
Restatement due to implementation of GASB 84		<u>55,114</u>
Net position at December 31, 2019 restated	\$	<u>55,114</u>

(12) Subsequent Event

The COVID-19 outbreak in the United States has caused business disruption through mandated closings, reduction of operating hours, or operational restrictions for nonessential businesses, including retail stores, restaurants, personal service businesses and all entertainment venues. While the disruption is expected to be temporary, there is still uncertainty about the duration of and the implications of the closings. The Commission expects that this matter could negatively impact availability of resources and operating results. The financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

The Commission received two separate Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans (each for \$247,690) in 2021 from the Small Business Administration, as a result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, which was passed and signed into law on December 21, 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This funding will be reflected as a current liability on the Commission's financial statements until forgiveness is approved. Management anticipates that the first loan will be forgiven in the year ending December 31, 2021, at which time, revenue will be recognized. Management anticipates applying for loan forgiveness in 2021; however, the actual forgiveness may not happen until 2022.

**REQUIRED  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 2,868,730	\$ 3,057,245	\$ 188,515
State grants	-	19,005	34,005	15,000
Fees and service	94,000	43,249	43,149	(100)
Co-op programs	210,000	42,000	44,500	2,500
Interest	40,000	27,016	27,595	579
Total revenues	3,594,000	3,000,000	3,206,494	206,494
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current -				
Culture and recreation:				
Personnel	1,333,500	1,147,701	1,167,797	(20,096)
Administrative and public affairs	311,000	266,390	285,182	(18,792)
Tourism program	1,142,000	738,291	651,391	86,900
Convention program	207,500	107,519	107,387	132
Membership	4,000	281	281	-
Sports events	124,000	62,996	68,696	(5,700)
Gateway	60,000	35,510	40,000	(4,490)
Festival promotion	80,000	29,318	29,318	-
Local awareness	72,000	46,942	46,334	608
Parish external agency projects	105,000	61,762	61,762	-
Unplanned events	80,000	74,344	76,596	(2,252)
Capital outlay	75,000	78,946	(2,649)	81,595
Total expenditures	3,594,000	2,650,000	2,532,095	117,905
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	350,000	674,399	324,399
Fund balance, beginning of year	3,061,312	3,061,312	3,061,312	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 3,061,312	\$ 3,411,312	\$ 3,735,711	\$ 324,399

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Year Ended Dec 31,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll Obligation	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.00136450000	\$ 37,307	\$ 783,606	4.76%	99.15%
2016	0.00142550000	\$ 375,233	\$ 825,452	45.46%	92.23%
2017	0.00139187000	\$ 286,657	\$ 816,390	35.11%	94.15%
2018	0.00132635000	\$ (98,448)	\$ 904,570	-10.88%	101.98%
2019	0.00147143000	\$ 653,073	\$ 969,652	67.35%	88.86%
2020	0.00153158000	\$ 7,210	\$ 864,587	0.83%	99.89%

\* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

*This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Year ended Dec 31,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2015	\$ 118,512	\$ 118,512	\$ -	\$ 817,325	14.50%
2016	\$ 104,613	\$ 104,613	\$ -	\$ 783,606	13.35%
2017	\$ 102,000	\$ 102,000	\$ -	\$ 825,452	12.36%
2018	\$ 104,026	\$ 104,026	\$ -	\$ 816,390	12.74%
2019	\$ 111,681	\$ 111,681	\$ -	\$ 904,570	12.35%
2020	\$ 105,912	\$ 105,912	\$ -	\$ 969,652	10.92%

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LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

(1) Budgetary Accounting

A budget for the General Fund is prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally prepared or as amended by the Commission. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

(2) Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions-Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Balance Sheets  
Governmental Fund  
December 31, 2020

With Comparative Amounts for December 31, 2019

	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 3,323,759	\$ 2,630,141
Taxes receivable	280,223	282,324
Accounts receivable	1,500	39,356
Prepaid items	146,221	194,675
Lease deposit	350	350
Total assets	\$ 3,752,053	\$ 3,146,846
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	13,750	82,771
Payroll tax liabilities	2,592	2,763
Total liabilities	16,342	85,534
<b>Fund balance:</b>		
Nonspendable	146,221	194,675
Restricted	-	-
Committed	-	-
Assigned	-	-
Unassigned	3,589,490	2,866,637
Total fund balance	3,735,711	3,061,312
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 3,752,053	\$ 3,146,846

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-  
Governmental Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020  
With Comparative Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 3,057,245	\$ 3,169,389
State funds and grants	34,005	136,528
Fees and service	43,149	69,285
Co-op programs	44,500	330,363
Interest	<u>27,595</u>	<u>86,379</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,206,494</u>	<u>3,791,944</u>
Expenditures:		
Current -		
Culture and recreation:		
Personnel	1,167,797	1,262,701
Administrative and public affairs	285,182	303,851
Tourism program	651,391	1,015,835
Convention program	107,387	191,950
Membership	281	878
Sports events	68,696	125,983
Gateway	40,000	42,500
Festival promotion	29,318	93,473
Local awareness	46,334	89,824
Parish external agency projects	61,762	98,605
Unplanned events	76,596	208,124
Capital outlay	<u>(2,649)</u>	<u>1,254,186</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,532,095</u>	<u>4,687,910</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	674,399	(895,966)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>3,061,312</u>	<u>3,957,278</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,735,711</u>	<u>\$ 3,061,312</u>

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Taxes:				
Hotel and motel tax	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 2,868,730	\$ 3,057,245	\$ 188,515
Intergovernmental:				
State grants	-	19,005	34,005	15,000
Fees and services:				
Memberships	24,000	16,850	16,750	(100)
Allons	70,000	26,399	26,399	-
	<u>94,000</u>	<u>43,249</u>	<u>43,149</u>	<u>(100)</u>
Miscellaneous:				
Co-op programs	210,000	42,000	44,500	2,500
Interest	40,000	27,016	27,595	579
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>69,016</u>	<u>72,095</u>	<u>3,079</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 3,594,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,206,494</u>	<u>\$ 206,494</u>

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Current:				
Culture and recreation:				
Personnel -				
Salaries	\$ 1,063,500	\$ 906,956	\$ 928,477	\$ (21,521)
Payroll taxes	10,000	6,797	18,275	(11,478)
Hospitalization	140,000	136,336	107,073	29,263
Retirement	120,000	97,612	105,912	(8,300)
Contract labor	-	-	8,060	(8,060)
Total personnel	1,333,500	1,147,701	1,167,797	(20,096)
Administrative and public affairs -				
Collection - hotel and motel tax	19,000	16,529	15,374	1,155
Insurance and bonding	25,000	38,295	37,196	1,099
Telephone and telegraph	22,000	25,615	25,606	9
Utilities and sanitation service	26,000	21,499	20,642	857
Janitorial service	15,000	13,309	13,801	(492)
Equipment rental	12,000	2,472	2,694	(222)
Office supplies and equipment	26,000	16,005	26,892	(10,887)
Postage	25,000	8,415	8,505	(90)
Auto lease	14,000	10,207	10,238	(31)
Accounting	30,000	29,765	29,765	-
Legal and administrative advertising	5,000	5,003	7,975	(2,972)
Professional membership	20,000	13,382	13,600	(218)
Uniforms	1,000	45	45	-
Staff education	1,000	180	60	120
Web development	70,000	65,669	72,789	(7,120)
Total administrative and public affairs	311,000	266,390	285,182	(18,792)
Tourism program -				
Magazine and newspaper advertising	465,000	454,157	363,984	90,173
Outdoor advertising	40,000	31,544	31,041	503
Printed literature	20,000	9,949	10,157	(208)
Special promotional aids	10,000	3,234	855	2,379
Allons Content	25,000	6,631	6,231	400
In house Publication	50,000	13,323	13,323	-
SEM/SEO	100,000	83,750	91,750	(8,000)
Promotional - events, tours, shows	300,000	92,091	91,318	773
Services for visitors	7,000	7,958	7,958	-

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Lafayette, Louisiana  
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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (continued)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Travel by staff	\$ 85,000	\$ 18,111	\$ 17,818	\$ 293
Auto gas and oil	3,000	376	494	(118)
Video coordination	25,000	-	-	-
Professional memberships	9,000	15,842	15,137	705
Staff education	3,000	1,325	1,325	-
Total tourism program	<u>1,142,000</u>	<u>738,291</u>	<u>651,391</u>	<u>86,900</u>
Convention program -				
Magazine and newspaper advertising	25,000	17,621	17,288	333
Outdoor advertising	17,000	14,149	15,289	(1,140)
Printed literature	2,000	653	740	(87)
Specialty promotional aids	10,000	593	593	-
Promotional - events, tours, shows	30,000	16,059	15,907	152
Services for conventions and meetings	3,000	120	120	-
Travel by staff	12,000	2,744	2,639	105
Auto gas and oil	2,500	669	781	(112)
Convention assistance program	100,000	50,500	50,500	-
Professional memberships	5,000	4,411	3,530	881
Staff education	1,000	-	-	-
Total convention program	<u>207,500</u>	<u>107,519</u>	<u>107,387</u>	<u>132</u>
Membership program -				
Entertainment by staff	500	281	281	-
Travel by staff	100	-	-	-
Printed literature	3,000	-	-	-
Staff education	200	-	-	-
Professional memberships	200	-	-	-
Total membership program	<u>4,000</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>-</u>

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Lafayette, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (continued)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Sports events -				
Printed literature	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,926	\$ 6,126	\$ (1,200)
Promotional - events, tours, shows	115,000	57,558	62,058	(4,500)
Travel by staff	4,000	512	512	-
Total sports events	<u>124,000</u>	<u>62,996</u>	<u>68,696</u>	<u>(5,700)</u>
Gateway -				
Contributions to Gateway project	<u>60,000</u>	<u>35,510</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(4,490)</u>
Festival promotion program -				
Printed literature	<u>80,000</u>	<u>29,318</u>	<u>29,318</u>	<u>-</u>
Total festival promotion program	<u>80,000</u>	<u>29,318</u>	<u>29,318</u>	<u>-</u>
Local awareness -				
Eat Lafayette	60,000	47,010	46,402	608
Printed literature	4,000	386	386	-
Promotional - events, tours, shows	<u>8,000</u>	<u>(454)</u>	<u>(454)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total local awareness program	<u>72,000</u>	<u>46,942</u>	<u>46,334</u>	<u>608</u>
Parish external agency projects -				
Arts promotion and development	50,000	15,885	-	15,885
Lafayette parish promotion	<u>55,000</u>	<u>45,877</u>	<u>61,762</u>	<u>(15,885)</u>
Total parish external agency projects	<u>105,000</u>	<u>61,762</u>	<u>61,762</u>	<u>-</u>
Unplanned events -				
Office repairs & maintenance	30,000	26,731	31,767	(5,036)
Future projects	<u>50,000</u>	<u>47,613</u>	<u>44,829</u>	<u>2,784</u>
Total unplanned events	<u>80,000</u>	<u>74,344</u>	<u>76,596</u>	<u>(2,252)</u>
Total culture and recreation	<u>3,519,000</u>	<u>2,571,054</u>	<u>2,534,744</u>	<u>36,310</u>
Capital outlay -				
Building	<u>75,000</u>	<u>78,946</u>	<u>(2,649)</u>	<u>81,595</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$3,594,000</u>	<u>\$2,650,000</u>	<u>\$2,532,095</u>	<u>\$ 117,905</u>

**INTERNAL CONTROL,  
COMPLIANCE,  
AND OTHER  
MATTERS**

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

The President and Members of  
the Board of Commissioners  
Lafayette Parish Convention  
and Visitors Commission  
Lafayette, 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, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 21, 2021.

### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitor Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission'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 is 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of prior and current audit findings and management's corrective action plan as items 2020-001 and 2020-002 to be material weaknesses.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission'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*.

### **Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission's Response to Findings**

The Commission's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of prior and current audit findings and management's corrective action plan. The Commission's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **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. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

***Champagne & Company, LLC***

Certified Public Accountants

May 21, 2021  
Breaux Bridge, Louisiana

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Prior and Current Audit Findings and  
Management's Corrective Action Plan  
Year Ended December 31, 2020

I. Prior Year Findings:

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Item 2019-001 – Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Duties

Finding:

Due to the small number of employees, the Commission did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Status:

Unresolved. See item 2020-001.

Item 2019-002 – Inadequate Controls over Financial Statement Preparation

Finding:

The Commission does not have a staff person who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including related notes.

Status:

Unresolved. See item 2020-002.

Compliance and Other Matters

There were no findings reported at December 31, 2019.

Management Letter Items

There were no management letter items at December 31, 2019.

LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Prior and Current Audit Findings and  
Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued)  
Year Ended December 31, 2020

II. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan:

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Item 2020-001 – Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Duties; Year Initially Occurred--Unknown

Condition and Criteria:

The Commission did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Effect:

This condition represents a material weakness in the internal control of the Commission.

Cause:

The condition resulted because of the small number of employees in the accounting department.

Recommendation:

No plan is considered necessary due to the fact that it would not be cost effective to implement a plan.

Management's Corrective Action Plan:

Mr. Ben Berthelot, President & CEO, has determined that it is not feasible to achieve adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system. No action is considered necessary.

Item 2020-002 – Inadequate Controls over Financial Statement Preparation; Year Initially Occurred—Unknown

Condition and Criteria:

The Commission does not have a staff person who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including related notes.

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LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Prior and Current Audit Findings and  
Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued)  
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Effect:

This condition represents a material weakness in the internal control of the Commission.

Cause:

The condition resulted because the Commission's personnel do not have the qualifications and training to apply GAAP in recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing the financial statements.

Recommendation:

The Commission should consider outsourcing this task to its independent auditors and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation.

Management's Corrective Action Plan:

Mr. Ben Berthelot, President & CEO, has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interest of the government to outsource this task to its independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their content and presentation.

Compliance and Other Matters

There are no findings reported at December 31, 2020.

Management Letter Items

There are no management letter items reported at December 31, 2020.