

**LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION**  
**REPORT ON REVIEW OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**  
**INCLUDING THE LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

**JUNE 30, 2020**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

# LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

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### Independent Accountant's Review Report

To the Board of Commissioners  
Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund (General Fund) of the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission (the Commission) as of and for the year ended June 30, 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. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Accountant's Responsibility**

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

#### **Accountant's Conclusion**

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

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 5, and the budgetary comparison schedule-general fund on Schedule 1 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

## **Supplementary Information**

Our review was made primarily for the purpose of expressing a conclusion that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Commission Members and Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Administrator included as Schedules 2 and 3, respectively, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Schedules 2 and 3 of the supplementary information have been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and we did not become aware of any material modifications that should be made to Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

*Harris T. Bangesis, LLP*

Denham Springs, Louisiana  
December 21, 2020

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission (the "Commission") is pleased to present its Annual Financial Report developed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments* (hereinafter referred to as GASB 34), and related standards. Please read the following in conjunction with the Commission's financial statements and footnotes, which follow this section.

### **Financial Highlights**

- Total assets were \$557,186 as of June 30, 2020. The Commission had liabilities totaling \$36,139 resulting in net position of \$521,047.
- The majority of total assets (95.02%) was composed of Cash and Cash Equivalents.

### **Overview of Annual Financial Report**

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The MD&A presents an overview of management's examination and analysis of the Commission's financial condition and performance.

The financial statements report information on the Commission using full accrual accounting methods similar to those used in the private business sector. Financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. The Statement of Net Position provides information about the nature and amount of the Commission's resources and obligations at year-end, and provides a basis for evaluating the capital structure of the Commission and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Commission.

The Statement of Activities accounts for the revenues and expenses for the fiscal year, and provides information on how net position changed during the year. This statement measures the success of the Commission's operations in a format that can be used to determine if the Commission has recovered its costs through self-generated revenues and other income.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures essential to an understanding of the financial statements. The notes present information about the Commission's accounting policies, significant account balances, and activities, commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events, if any. Supplementary information includes comparative budget schedules, key information schedules on operations of the Commission, and schedules detailing any findings and management's response.

## Financial Analysis

The purpose of financial analysis is to help determine whether the Commission is better off due to the current year's activities. In this analysis, data from the basic financial statements, the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, are presented below. These statements report the net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, and the change in net position, which provides information for indicating the financial condition of the Commission. The information for the prior year is included for comparative purposes.

### Statement of Net Position

|  | Governmental Activities |                   |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
|  | June 30, 2020           | June 30, 2019     |
| <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>                             |                         |                   |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                        | \$ 529,453              | \$ 531,574        |
| Accounts Receivable                              | 26,865                  | 38,954            |
| Other Accounts Receivable                        | 120                     | -                 |
| Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) | 748                     | 1,239             |
| Total Assets                                     | <u>\$ 557,186</u>       | <u>\$ 571,767</u> |
| <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>                        |                         |                   |
| Accrued Liabilities                              | \$ 12,136               | \$ 10,174         |
| Long-Term Liabilities:                           |                         |                   |
| Due Within One Year                              | 6,001                   | 6,001             |
| Due in More than One Year                        | 18,002                  | 18,002            |
| Total Liabilities                                | <u>36,139</u>           | <u>34,177</u>     |
| <b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>                       |                         |                   |
| Invested in Capital Assets                       | 748                     | 1,239             |
| Unrestricted                                     | 520,299                 | 536,351           |
| Total Net Position                               | <u>521,047</u>          | <u>537,590</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and Net Position               | <u>\$ 557,186</u>       | <u>\$ 571,767</u> |

- This Commission's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$521,047 for the current year.
- For the year ended June 30, 2020, unrestricted net position of \$520,299 represents the portion available to maintain the Commission's obligation to both citizens and creditors.

## Statement of Activities

|   | Governmental Activities |               |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|
|   | June 30, 2020           | June 30, 2019 |
| <b>General Revenues:</b>                    |                         |               |
| Self-Generated                              | \$ 340,733              | \$ 357,325    |
| Interest and Other Income                   | 1,111                   | 2,073         |
|   | 341,844                 | 359,398       |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                            |                         |               |
| General Government                          | 358,387                 | 371,948       |
|   | (16,543)                | (12,550)      |
| <b>Net Position - Beginning of the Year</b> | 537,590                 | 550,140       |
| <b>Net Position - End of the Year</b>       | \$ 521,047              | \$ 537,590    |

Total general revenues decreased \$17,554 (4.88%), reflecting a 4.64% decrease in surcharge fees collected over this period in FY 2019. Surcharge fees are based on ship traffic and ship traffic was down in the current year as compared to the prior year. Total expenses decreased \$13,561 (3.65%), from FY 2019 due to the current year decreased costs for professional services connected with pending rate cases and regulatory matters. Overall, the Commission's change in net position was (\$16,543) for the year, which represents an increase of (\$3,993) from the prior year.

### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The actual revenues were \$32,656 less than the budgeted amount for the year. Expenses were \$36,604 less than the budgeted amount for the year, due principally to net effect of salaries, allowances, and related costs and meeting expenses being less than budgeted, while professional services were less than budgeted.

### Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The primary source of revenue for the Commission during the year ended June 30, 2020 was proceeds from a dedicated surcharge paid by customers of pilotage services in Louisiana; namely, foreign flag vessels entering state waters via the Mississippi and Calcasieu rivers. This surcharge is established through state law (LA. R.S. 34:1122(B)(3)). The amount of this surcharge is adjusted annually by the Commission at the annual Budget Hearing, according to projections based on the total amount of surcharge revenue collected during the prior calendar year.

These revenues are considered available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end.

### Contacting the Commission

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Commission's finances and to show the Commission's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to the Commission at 8550 United Plaza Blvd., United Plaza, Suite 702, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.



GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                        | \$ 529,453        |
| Accounts Receivable                              | 26,865            |
| Other Accounts Receivable                        | 120               |
| Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) | 748               |
| Total Assets                                     | <u>\$ 557,186</u> |

LIABILITIES

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Accrued Liabilities       | \$ 12,136     |
| Long-Term Liabilities:    |               |
| Due Within One Year       | 6,001         |
| Due in More than One Year | 18,002        |
| Total Liabilities         | <u>36,139</u> |

NET POSITION

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Invested in Capital Assets         | 748               |
| Unrestricted                       | 520,299           |
| Total Net Position                 | <u>521,047</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and Net Position | <u>\$ 557,186</u> |

See independent accountant's review report and the accompanying notes.

## LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

|   | <u>Expenses</u>          | <u>Program Revenues</u>         |   | <u>Total<br/>Governmental<br/>Activities<br/>Net (Expense)<br/>Revenue and<br/>Changes in Net<br/>Position</u> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
|   |                          | <u>Charges for<br/>Services</u> | <u>Operating<br/>Grants and<br/>Contributions</u> |  |
| <b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>               |                          |                                 |   |  |
| Governmental Activities:                |                          |                                 |   |  |
| General Government                      | <u>\$ 358,387</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>                     | <u>\$ -</u>                                       | <u>\$ (358,387)</u>  |
| Total Governmental<br>Activities        | <u><u>\$ 358,387</u></u> | <u><u>\$ -</u></u>              | <u><u>\$ -</u></u>                                | <u>(358,387)</u>   |
| <b>General Revenues:</b>                |                          |                                 |   |  |
| Self-Generated                          |                          |                                 |   | 340,733  |
| Interest and Other Income               |                          |                                 |   | <u>1,111</u>   |
| Total General Revenues                  |                          |                                 |   | <u>341,844</u>   |
| Change in Net Position                  |                          |                                 |   | (16,543)   |
| <b>Net Position - Beginning of Year</b> |                          |                                 |   | <u>537,590</u>   |
| <b>Net Position - End of Year</b>       |                          |                                 |   | <u><u>\$ 521,047</u></u>   |

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET -  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND

AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

ASSETS

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 529,453        |
| Accounts Receivable       | 26,865            |
| Other Accounts Receivable | 120               |
|                           | <hr/>             |
| Total Assets              | <u>\$ 556,438</u> |

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**Liabilities:**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Accrued Liabilities | \$ 12,136 |
|                     | <hr/>     |
| Total Liabilities   | 12,136    |

**Fund Balance:**

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Unassigned                         | 544,302           |
|                                    | <hr/>             |
| Total Fund Balance                 | 544,302           |
|                                    | <hr/>             |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | <u>\$ 556,438</u> |

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LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund \$ 544,302

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Cost of Capital Assets         | 9,759          |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(9,011)</u> |
|                                | 748            |

Long-Term Liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the Governmental Funds:

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Compensated Absences                   | <u>(24,003)</u>          |
| Net Position - Governmental Activities | <u><u>\$ 521,047</u></u> |

See independent accountant's review report and the accompanying notes.

## LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

**Revenues:**

## Local Sources:

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Self-Generated                     | \$ 340,733     |
| Interest Earnings and Other Income | 1,111          |
| Total Revenues                     | <u>341,844</u> |

**Expenditures:**

## General Government:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Salaries and Allowances                           | 232,617         |
| Payroll Taxes                                     | 15,342          |
| Employee Benefits                                 | 3,606           |
| Computer Expense                                  | 257             |
| Hearing Expense                                   | 3,280           |
| Insurance   | 2,387           |
| Professional                                      | 63,571          |
| Meals   | 17              |
| Medical   | 10,585          |
| Miscellaneous                                     | 583             |
| Office Supplies                                   | 2,102           |
| Payroll Services                                  | 2,530           |
| Per Diem  | 1,350           |
| Postage   | 255             |
| Printing  | 1,040           |
| Business Licenses and Permits                     | 863             |
| Rent Expense                                      | 14,400          |
| Telephone   | 2,599           |
| Travel  | 512             |
| Total Expenditures                                | <u>357,896</u>  |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | <u>(16,052)</u> |

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</b> | <u>560,354</u> |
|--|----------------|

|                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b> | <u><u>\$ 544,302</u></u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|

See independent accountant's review report and the accompanying notes.

## LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

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 JUNE 30, 2020

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Total Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund  | \$ (16,052)        |
| Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement<br>of Activities are different because:   |                    |
| Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However,<br>in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over<br>their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. |                    |
| Capital Outlays   | -                  |
| Depreciation Expense  | (491)              |
| Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use<br>of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures<br>in the governmental fund.                        |                    |
| Increase in Compensated Absences Payable  | -                  |
| Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities   | <u>\$ (16,543)</u> |

See independent accountant's review report and the accompanying notes.



# LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

## NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2020

### INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission (the “Commission”) was created by Act. No. 902 of the Louisiana 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature, effective January 1, 2005, to establish pilotage fees. The Commission consists of eleven members and seven alternates appointed by the governor as follows:

- i. Four members and four alternates to represent the industry.
- ii. Four members and three alternates to represent the associations all designated by the board of directors of the four pilot associations.
- iii. Three at-large members, and one alternate at-large.

Appointees shall be residents of the state of Louisiana and shall serve terms concurrent with that of the governor appointing them. All appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate.

#### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies -

##### A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* and the provisions of GASB Statement No. 63 – *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position*.

##### B. Reporting Entity

The Commission, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds relevant to the operations of the Commission. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission.

The Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission is a primary government and not a component unit or agency of the state government for financial reporting purposes.

See independent accountant's review report.

## LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2020

#### C. Fund Accounting

- i. Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) - the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Commission's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods and services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

- ii. Fund financial statements - The accounts of the Commission are organized 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 purposes 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 Commission maintains one fund, the general fund. It is categorized as a governmental fund. The emphasis on fund statements is on major governmental funds. The general fund is considered major because it's the primary operating fund of the entity. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

##### **Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

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 Commission. The GWFS were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

See independent accountant's review report.

# LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

## NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2020

The Commission reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense which can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of each function. The Commission does not allocate indirect expenses.

### **Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

#### **Governmental Funds**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental Funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of Governmental Funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Commission. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. The major fund of the Commission is the General Fund.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by Governmental Funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter (generally 60 days) to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. The Governmental Fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

#### **Revenues**

The primary source of revenue for the Commission during the year ended June 30, 2020, was pilotage surcharge fees. These revenues are considered available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end.

#### **Expenditures**

Salaries are recorded as expenditures when earned. Compensated absences are recognized as expenditures when leave is actually taken or when employees (or heirs) are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death. All other expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

# LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

## NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2020

E. Budget Practices

The Commission adopts an annual budget for the General Fund.

The proposed budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, was legally adopted by the Commission on June 11, 2019. The Commission did not make any amendments to its original budget for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All cash-related items having maturing dates of three months or less from the original maturity dates are classified as cash and cash equivalents.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. Useful lives are five years for computer equipment and seven years for furniture and fixtures.

H. Net Position

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

1. Net investment in capital assets - The net investment in capital assets component of net position consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any debt proceeds used for the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
2. Restricted - The restricted component of net position is used when there are limitations imposed on their use of an asset by external parties such as creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.
3. Unrestricted - The unrestricted component of net position is the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

See independent accountant's review report.

# LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

## NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2020

### I. Fund Balance

GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

1. Non-spendable fund balances are associated with inventories, prepaids, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned),
2. Restricted fund balances include amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation,
3. Committed fund balances include amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Commissioners (the Commission's highest level of decision making authority),
4. Assigned fund balances are intended to be used by the Commission for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, and
5. Unassigned fund balances are the residual classification for the Commission's general fund and include all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

The Commission's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balances, restricted fund balances, committed fund balances, assigned fund balances, and unassigned fund balances, in that order, at the end of the fiscal year by adjusting journal entries.

The calculation of fund balance amounts begins with the determination of non-spendable fund balances. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including non-spendable amounts). Then any remaining fund balance amounts classified as unassigned fund balance.

As of June 30, 2020, the Commission did not have any non-spendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances.

### J. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent 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.

See independent accountant's review report.

LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2020

K. Compensated Absences

Employees earn and accumulate sick leave at various rates depending on their years of service. The amount of sick leave that may be accumulated by each employee is unlimited.

L. Subsequent Events

The COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and globally has caused business disruption through mandated and voluntary closings of schools and businesses. While the disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty around the duration and its impacts on the Commission's clients, employees, and vendors. Therefore, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact the Commission's financial condition or results of operations cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

The Commission evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through December 21, 2020, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents -

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and time certificates of deposit. Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, any other state in the union, or under the laws of the United States. Further, the Commission may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

The Commission had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$530,365 with a carrying amount of \$529,453 at June 30, 2020. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. These deposits must be secured under state law by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2020:

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Book Balance | \$ 529,453                  |
|              | <u>                    </u> |
| Bank Balance | \$ 530,365                  |
|              | <u>                    </u> |

See independent accountant's review report.

**LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION**

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2020

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits*

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Commission's deposits may not be returned to it.

To mitigate this risk, state law requires for these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The pledged securities are deemed by Louisiana State Law to be under the control and possession and in the name of the Commission regardless of its designation by the financial institution in which it is deposited. As of June 30, 2020, none of the Commission's bank balance of \$530,365 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

(3) Changes in Capital Assets -

Capital asset activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 is as follows:

|   | <u>Balance</u><br><u>June 30, 2019</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Balance</u><br><u>June 30, 2020</u> |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|--|
| <u>Governmental Activities:</u>             |  |                  |                  |  |
| Capital Assets being Depreciated:           |  |                  |                  |  |
| Computer Equipment                          | \$ 8,576                               | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ 8,576                               |
| Furniture and Equipment                     | <u>1,183</u>                           | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>         | <u>1,183</u>                           |
| Total Capital Assets being Depreciated      | 9,759                                  | -                | -                | 9,759                                  |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:         |  |                  |                  |  |
| Computer Equipment                          | 7,337                                  | 491              | -                | 7,828                                  |
| Furniture and Equipment                     | <u>1,183</u>                           | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>         | <u>1,183</u>                           |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation              | <u>8,520</u>                           | <u>491</u>       | <u>-</u>         | <u>9,011</u>                           |
| Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net | <u>\$ 1,239</u>                        | <u>\$ 491</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ 748</u>                          |

Depreciation expense of \$491 for the year ended June 30, 2020 was charged to operations.

See independent accountant's review report.

**LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION**

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2020

(4) Long-Term Obligation -

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2020:

|                                       | <u>Compensated<br/>Absences</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Long-Term Obligations - June 30, 2019 | \$ 24,003                       |
| Additions                             | -                               |
| Deductions                            | <u>-</u>                        |
| Long-Term Obligations - June 30, 2020 | <u>\$ 24,003</u>                |

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of June 30, 2020:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Current Portion   | \$ 6,001         |
| Long-Term Portion | <u>18,002</u>    |
| Total             | <u>\$ 24,003</u> |

Compensated Absences

At June 30, 2020, employees of the Commission have accumulated and vested \$24,003 of employee leave benefits, which was computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60.

Employees earn and accumulate sick leave at various rates depending on their years of service. The amount of sick leave that may be accumulated by each employee is unlimited, but upon termination of employment, the maximum amount paid is limited to 300 hours.

(5) Lease Commitments -

The commission leases office space under a lease classified as an operating lease that expired on January 1, 2014 and has automatically renewed every six months. The lease automatically renewed for another six months as of June 30, 2020. Rental expense for this operating lease totaled \$14,400 for the year ended June 30, 2020. Future minimum rental payments required under the new operating lease agreement total \$7,200.

(6) Pending Litigation -

There were no civil suits seeking damages against the Commission outstanding at June 30, 2020.

(7) Related Party Transactions -

The Commission had no identified related party transactions for the year ended June 30, 2020.

See independent accountant's review report.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE -  
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

|  | <u>Original<br/>Budget*</u> | <u>Actual</u>     | <u>Variance With<br/>Original Budget</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                     |                             |                   |  |
| Self-Generated                                       | \$ 373,000                  | \$ 340,733        | \$ (32,267)                              |
| Interest Earnings and Other Income                   | 1,500                       | 1,111             | (389)                                    |
| Total Revenues                                       | <u>374,500</u>              | <u>341,844</u>    | <u>(32,656)</u>                          |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                                 |                             |                   |  |
| Salaries, Allowances and Related Costs               | 268,000                     | 262,150           | 5,850                                    |
| Office Supplies                                      | 900                         | 2,102             | (1,202)                                  |
| Meals  | -                           | 17                | (17)                                     |
| Telephone and Internet Expense                       | 3,500                       | 2,599             | 901                                      |
| Rent   | 15,000                      | 14,400            | 600                                      |
| Printing   | 1,100                       | 1,040             | 60                                       |
| Postage  | 150                         | 255               | (105)                                    |
| Miscellaneous  | 450                         | 583               | (133)                                    |
| Insurance  | 2,000                       | 2,387             | (387)                                    |
| Payroll Services                                     | 2,800                       | 2,530             | 270                                      |
| Computer Expense                                     | -                           | 257               | (257)                                    |
| Business Licenses and Permits                        | -                           | 863               | (863)                                    |
| Capital Outlay                                       | 1,600                       | -                 | 1,600                                    |
| Professional Services                                | 93,000                      | 66,851            | 26,149                                   |
| Meeting Expense                                      | 6,000                       | 1,862             | 4,138                                    |
| Total Expenditures                                   | <u>394,500</u>              | <u>357,896</u>    | <u>36,604</u>                            |
| Excess (Deficiency) of<br>Revenues Over Expenditures | (20,000)                    | (16,052)          | 3,948                                    |
| <b>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</b>             | <u>560,354</u>              | <u>560,354</u>    | <u>-</u>                                 |
| <b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>                   | <u>\$ 540,354</u>           | <u>\$ 544,302</u> | <u>\$ 3,948</u>                          |

\*There were no amendments to the original budget during the current fiscal year.

See independent accountant's review report and accompanying notes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULE OF PER DIEM PAID TO COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Amount</u>   |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Bruce Mohon    | \$ 450          |
| Amanda Aucoin  | 450             |
| Noel Cassanova | <u>450</u>      |
|                | <u>\$ 1,350</u> |

See independent accountant's review report and accompanying notes.

**LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO  
ADMINISTRATOR**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

|                       | <u>Larry McNutt</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Salary                | \$ 154,597          |
| Benefits - Insurance  | 10,585              |
| Benefits - Retirement | 3,606               |
| Car Allowance         | 7,800               |
| Phone Allowance       | <u>1,300</u>        |
|                       | <u>\$ 177,888</u>   |

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Independent Accountant's Report on  
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Commissioners of  
Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, on the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission's management is responsible for the Commission's financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and findings are as follows:

**Public Bid Law**

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, and public works exceeding \$157,700. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000 and no expenditures were made for public works exceeding \$157,700.

## **Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

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

Management provided us the requested information.

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

Management provided us with the requested information.

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

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 2.

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

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

## **Budgeting**

The Commission received an Attorney General opinion indicating that they are not a political subdivision and therefore not subject to the Local Governmental Budget Act. They are a state administrative agency and must comply with the budgetary obligations of a state administrative agency. According to the Division of Administration ("DOA") since the Commission is self-funded there is no budget reporting requirements to the DOA.

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There were no amendments to the original budget during the current fiscal year.

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

We traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on June 11, 2019 which indicated that the budget had been unanimously adopted by the Commission members.

We traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on June 11, 2019 which indicated that the budget had been unanimously adopted by the Commission members. There were no amendments to the original budget during the current fiscal year.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more. (For agencies that must comply with the Licensing Agency Budget Act only, compare the expenditures of the final budget to actual expenditures, and report whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 10% or more per category or 5% or more in total).

Not applicable due to Commission not being subject to the Local Governmental Budget Act.

### **Accounting and Reporting**

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

- a. Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

- b. Report whether the six disbursements are coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

One of the six payments selected for testing was determined to be a duplicate reimbursement of an expense of \$40 to the office manager. The duplicate payment occurred while the Commission was implementing a substitute payment method for the expense because the Commission's debit card was cancelled due to their financial institution being acquired by another institution. The payment had been set up on automatic draft on the Commission's debit card. The duplicate payment was reclassified from an expense account to a receivable account and the Commission was reimbursed after yearend for the duplicate payment. The five other payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

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

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approval from the Administrator.

### **Meetings**

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

Management asserted that such documents were properly posted at the meeting site at least 24 hours in advance of a meeting.

### **Debt**

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

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



### **Advances and Bonuses**

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

A reading of the minutes of the Commission for the year indicated no approval for the payment of bonuses, advances, or gifts. We also inspected disbursement records for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payment to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

### **State Audit Law**

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

The report was due December 31, 2019 and was submitted December 12, 2019.

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

There were no expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000 and no expenditures were made for public works exceeding \$157,700.

### **Prior Comments and Recommendations**

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

Our prior report, dated December 12, 2019, did not include any suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, or comments.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP*

Denham Springs, Louisiana  
December 21, 2020

# LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

### **Finding 2020-01 – Duplicate Payment**

#### Criteria:

Proper review of invoices prior to payment should identify duplicate invoices. If duplicate invoices are not identified during processing and/or approval, duplicate payments could occur.

#### Condition:

During test work on disbursements, it was noted that one of the six payments selected for testing was determined to be a duplicate reimbursement of an expense of \$40 to the office manager for a monthly QuickBooks fee. During further review of related expenses, we noted two additional duplicate payments. The duplicate payments were identified during our testing of disbursements and review of expenses. The total of all three duplicate payments was \$120. The duplicate disbursements have been repaid to the Commission.

The expenses noted above are a monthly recurring expense. During the fiscal year, the Commission's bank changed due to a merger/acquisition. This caused the automatic payment of the monthly QuickBooks fee from the Commission's old account to stop. The employee paid the expense to continue the QuickBooks subscription until they could reset up the automatic payment process from the Commission's account.

#### Cause:

Due to the unexpected disruption of the regular billing process for the recurring expense caused by the merger/acquisition of the Commission's bank, duplicate reimbursements for that regular recurring service charge were misidentified during the processing and the approval of the disbursements.

#### Effect:

Due to temporary irregular invoices for a recurring service being misidentified during the processing and the approval of the disbursements, duplicate payments were issued.

#### Recommendation:

Along with reviewing invoices for properness, reasonableness, and compliance with laws and regulations, we recommend management carefully review invoices during processing and approval to identify duplicate invoices. In addition, we recommend and the Commission has already implemented that the expense be reset up as an automatic payment out of the Commission's account.

#### Management response:

Management will establish back-up sources and procedures in case of future disruptions in payment methods for recurring charges and agrees with the recommendations above.

**LOUISIANA PILOTAGE FEE COMMISSION**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

None

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)**

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Attached is the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire that is to be completed by you or your staff. This questionnaire is a required part of the review/attestation engagement of Louisiana governmental agencies. The completed and signed questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body, if any, of your organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting. Independently elected government officials should sign the document, in lieu of such a resolution.

The completed and signed attestation questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument, if appropriate, **must be given to the independent certified public accountant at the beginning of the engagement.** The CPA will, during the course of his/her engagement, perform certain agreed-upon procedures to the responses in the questionnaire. It is not necessary to return the questionnaire to the Legislative Auditor's office.

Certain portions of the questionnaire may not be applicable to your organization. In such cases, it is appropriate to mark the representation "not applicable." However, you must respond to each applicable representation. A 'yes' answer indicates that you have complied with the applicable law or regulation. A 'no' answer to any representation indicates a possible violation of law or regulation and, as such, should be fully explained. These matters will be reviewed by the CPA during the course of his/her engagement. Please feel free to attach a further explanation of any representation.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daryl G. Purpera, CPA, CFE  
Louisiana Legislative Auditor

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)**

NOV. 2020 (Date Transmitted)

Hannis T. Bourgeois  
2322 Tremont Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
225.928.4770

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of 06/30/2020 (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [  ] No [  ]

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

**Budgeting**

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

**Accounting and Reporting**

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

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

Yes [  ] No [  ]

**Meetings**

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.  
Yes  No

**Debt**

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

Yes  No

**Advances and Bonuses**

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

Yes  No

**Prior-Year Comments**

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments. (N/A)

Yes  No

**General**

We are responsible for our compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

We have made available to you all records that we believe are relevant to the foregoing agreed-upon procedures.

Yes  No

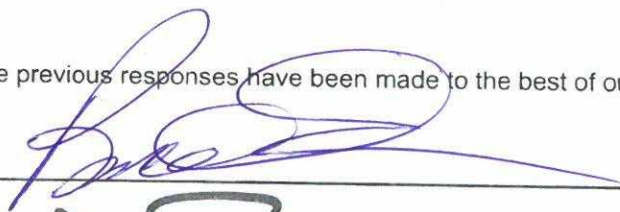
We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of your report.


Yes  No

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies any known noncompliance that may occur up to the date of your report.

Yes  No

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

 Chairman 11/30/2020 Date

 Administrator 11/18/2020 Date