

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY

PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library (a component unit of West Baton Rouge Parish Council), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library (a component unit of West Baton Rouge Parish Council), as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the

financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, schedule of West Baton Rouge Parish Library's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of West Baton Rouge Parish Library's contributions, and schedule of changes in net OPEB liabilities and related ratios on pages 4 through 8 and page 42 through 46 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 4, 2025 on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions, laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Baxley & Associates, LLC

Plaquemine, Louisiana
April 4, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**West Baton Rouge Parish Library
Management's Discussion and Analysis
As of December 31, 2024**

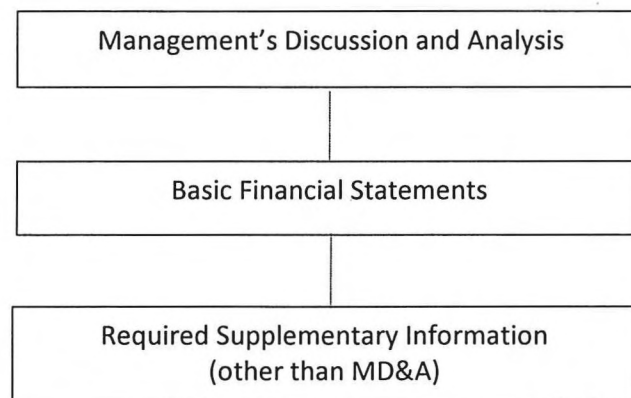
Management's Discussion and Analysis of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Library's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the transmittal letter presented on pages 1-3 and the Library's financial statements, which begin on page 9.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The West Baton Rouge Parish Library's assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of fiscal year 2024 by \$7,908,565 increasing the Library's net position by \$1,292,695 over 2023.
- The West Baton Rouge Parish Library's ad valorem revenue increased from \$2,572,156 in 2023 to \$3,035,249 an increase of \$463,093.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for Special Purpose Governments Engaged in Business-Type Activities established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.



These financial statements consist of three sections – Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the Basic Financial Statements (including the notes to the financial statements) and Required Supplementary Information.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements present information for the West Baton Rouge Parish Library as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in

this section include the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Activities, Balance Sheet, and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance.

The Statement of Net Position (page 10) presents assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources separately. The difference between assets plus deferred outflows and liabilities plus deferred inflows in net position, which may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance (page 13) presents information showing how West Baton Rouge Parish Library's assets changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY

Statement of Net Position		
As of December 31, 2024		
	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$7,559,298	\$5,937,605
<u>Capital Assets & non current</u>	<u>\$4,247,299</u>	<u>\$4,730,771</u>
Total Assets	\$11,806,597	\$10,668,380
Total deferred outflow of resources	\$787,986	\$1,007,987
Other Liabilities	\$1,017,316	\$1,296,043
<u>Long-term debt outstanding</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total Liabilities	\$1,017,316	\$1,296,043
Total deferred inflow of resources	\$3,659,175	\$3,764,454
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	\$4,008,050	\$3,401,886
Restricted	\$210,995	\$1,328,885
<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>\$3,699,048</u>	<u>\$1,885,099</u>
Total net position	\$7,918,093	\$6,615,870

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the West Baton Rouge Parish Library had \$9,329,983 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including Land, buildings, Building Improvements, Vehicles, Furniture and Equipment, and Library Collection (see Table). This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$624,892.

This year's major additions included:

- \$645,070 in Buildings
- \$156,175 in Furniture and Equipment
- \$341,645 in Library Collection.

	2024	2023
Land	\$175,000	\$175,000
Construction in Progress	\$0	\$748,721
Buildings and Improvements	\$3,819,526	\$2,425,735
Vehicles	\$170,024	\$212,404
Furniture and Equipment	\$1,040,327	\$884,152
Library Collection	\$4,076,078	\$3,734,433
Right of Use - Copier	\$49,028	\$49,028

Debt

The West Baton Rouge Parish Library has no outstanding bonds or notes at year-end 2023 and had no outstanding bonds or notes at year-end 2024.

VARIATIONS BETWEEN ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGETS

The original budget was not amended; at year's end, ad valorem revenue was \$3,035,249, above the amount budgeted. Total revenues were \$3,905,751. Expenses totaled \$3,350,542, below the amount budgeted.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The West Baton Rouge Parish Library's Board and administration considered the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget, rates, and fees:

- The amount of ad valorem projected for Library revenue is provided by the Parish Assessor and accountant which accounts for most of the funding for the budget year.
- Personnel costs are projected, both salaries and benefits.
- Library materials, technology, and services are evaluated and the costs for adding/discontinuing/adjusting any services are considered.
- Based on the current year's operating expenditures and trending costs, expenses are then projected for the next year's budget.

The West Baton Rouge Parish Library expects that next year's results will be impacted based on the following:

- The Library continues to conservatively manage the funding received while striving to provide excellent services for the public's investment in the Library.
- Interest rates have varied widely. Fluctuations should be accounted for in budgeting plans.
- Healthcare costs are expected to increase. Possible increases should be anticipated in budget planning.
- Personnel changes will affect the budget for personnel costs.

CONTACTING THE WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY'S MANAGEMENT

The purpose of the annual financial report is to give West Baton Rouge Parish citizens a general overview of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's finances; to prove the Library's accountability for the funding it receives from taxpayers. Questions about this report or for more financial information, contact the Library Director at the West Baton Rouge Parish Library, Ph 225-342-7920.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT A

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,481,324
Taxes receivable	2,975,162
Due from other governmental units	53,825
Prepaid expenses	43,746
Other asset	5,241
Total Current Assets	<u>7,559,298</u>
Non-current Assets:	
Restricted cash	210,995
Restricted investments	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	175,000
Capital assets, net	3,861,304
Total Non-current Assets	<u>4,247,299</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 11,806,597</u></u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	
OPEB	\$ 422,937
Pension related	365,049
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	<u><u>787,986</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	143,120
Compensated absences	71,067
Lease liability	10,063
Due to other government unit	98,761
Total Current Liabilities	<u>323,011</u>
Non-current Liabilities:	
Compensated absences	10,155
Lease liability	8,664
Net pension liability	118,393
Other post employment benefits	557,093
Total Non-current Liabilities	<u>694,305</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>1,017,316</u></u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS	
Pension related	59,182
OPEB	571,006
Deferred Ad Valorem taxes	2,975,162
Deferred State Revenue Sharing	53,825
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	<u><u>3,659,175</u></u>
NET POSITION	
Net invested in capital assets	4,008,050
Restricted for Memorial fund	210,995
Unrestricted	3,699,048
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 7,918,093</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2024

		Program Revenues		
			Operating	Net (Expenses)
	Expenses	Charges for	Grants and	Revenues
		Services	Contributions	Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Culture and Recreation				
Support Services				
Library	\$ 2,625,351	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ (2,125,351)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>2,625,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>(2,125,351)</u>
General Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes				3,035,249
State revenue sharing				58,022
Investment earnings				290,134
Other general revenues				<u>34,641</u>
Total General Revenues				<u>3,418,046</u>
Change in Net Position				\$ 1,292,695
Net Position at the Beginning of Year				6,615,870
Restate Beginning Net Position				<u>9,528</u>
Net Position at the Beginning of Year- Restated				6,625,398
Net Position at End of Year				<u>\$ 7,918,093</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT C

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,481,324
Prepaid expenses	43,746
Receivables:	
Taxes receivable	2,975,162
Due from other governmental units	53,825
Restricted cash	210,995
Restricted investments	-
Other asset	5,241
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,770,293
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	143,120
Compensated absences payable	81,222
Due to other government unit	98,761
Total Liabilities	323,103
Deferred Inflows	
Deferred Ad Valorem taxes	2,975,162
Deferred state revenue sharing	53,825
Total Deferred Inflows	3,028,987
Fund Balance:	
Nonspendable - prepaids	43,746
Restricted	210,995
Unassigned	4,163,462
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Fund	4,418,203
Reconciliation of fund balance to net position:	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Deferred outflow-pension related	365,049
Deferred outflow- OPEB	422,937
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	4,036,304
Lease liability	(18,726)
Other post-employment benefit obligations and pensions are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in these funds.	
Net pension liability	(118,393)
Other post-employment benefits	(557,093)
Deferred inflow- OPEB	(571,006)
Deferred inflow - pension related	(59,182)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 7,918,093

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT D

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

REVENUES

Ad valorem taxes	\$ 3,035,249
Intergovernmental revenues:	
State revenue sharing (net)	58,022
State grant	500,000
Local grants	-
Interest income	290,134
Miscellaneous	22,346
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,905,751</u>

EXPENDITURES

General government:	
Personnel services and related benefits	1,506,631
Operating services	505,932
Materials and supplies	65,546
Travel	19,137
Other charges	689
Intergovernmental	98,761
Capital outlay	1,142,890
Debt Service:	
Principal payment	9,840
Interest payment	1,116
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,350,542</u>

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	555,209
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>3,862,994</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 4,418,203</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Amounts reported for governmental activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (page 13)	\$	555,209
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Revenues that are not available to pay current obligations are not reported in the fund financial statements, but they are presented as revenues in the statement of activities.

12,296

Pension expense

70,532

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. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Capital outlay		1,142,890
Depreciation expense		(508,194)
Net adjustment		634,696
Leased asset		-
Amortization expense		(9,804)
Net adjustment		(9,804)

The issuance of long term debt provided current financial resources to governmental funds which the repayment of principal of long term debt consumes the current financial resource of governmental funds. The amount is the net effect of differences in the treatment of debt and related items.

9,840

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of the current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

19,926

Change in net position of governmental activities (page 11)	\$	1,292,695
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**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The West Baton Rouge Parish Library (the Library) was created by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 25:211. The Library is governed by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council's governing body.

The function and objective of the Library is to provide the citizens of the parish and the adjoining parishes, through reciprocal agreements, access to library books, materials, magazines, records, videos, and other services for education, information, and recreation.

The responsibility of the Library is vested in the Board of Control by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council. The Board of Control consists of eight members. Pursuant to the Library Law of Louisiana (Act 36 of 1926), no per diem shall be paid to board members for attendance at board meetings.

The Library is located in the city of Port Allen, adjacent to the Parish Court House and Parish Council. The second location is on Hwy 1 South in the Town of Addis, LA.

The latest estimated census information estimates the West Baton Rouge Parish population to be 25,085. The Library's 82,720 circulation serves approximately 100,000 people annually with over 15,980 registrations. The Library employs approximately 13 full time, 6 part-time and 2 student workers.

The accompanying basic financial statement of the Library 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 accounting and financial reporting principles. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Library conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments.

The following is a summary of the certain significant accounting policies:

Financial Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Library is considered a component unit of West Baton Rouge Parish Council. The Library does not possess all of the corporate powers necessary to make it a legally separate entity from the West Baton Rouge Parish council, which holds the Library's corporate powers. For this reason, the Library is a component unit of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, the financial reporting entity.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

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

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Library as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Library. The Library has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each of the functions of the Library's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function, and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the Library, 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.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Library 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 general fund of the Library is classified as governmental. 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 Library or meets the following criteria:

- 1) Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least ten percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- 2) Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditure/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Governmental Funds

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:621.18 and 13:996.58, is the Library's primary operating fund and it accounts for all financial resources of the Library, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to the Library's policy. This fund is considered to be a major fund.

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

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 –

In the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources management. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or costs recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activities are reported.

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, 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, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions."

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this 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 fiscal year. Court costs and fees, grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Library follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1) The budgetary calendar – The Library's management prepares the budget in the third quarter of each year and submits it to the Board of Control for adoption. Once adopted by the Board of Control, the budget is sent to the West Baton Rouge Parish Council who then conducts a public hearing on the budget which must be adopted by December 15. At year end, a public notice affording the public the opportunity to participate in the budget process is published in the December issue of the West Side Journal, the official journal of the parish.
- 2) All budgetary appropriations (unexpected budget balances) lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 3) There are no outstanding encumbrances.
- 4) The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Library. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.
- 5) The Board of Control will, from time to time, make changes or amendments within the various budget classifications.

Receivables and Payables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year end and not yet received. Payables consist of all expenses/expenditures incurred at year end and not yet paid.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Cash and interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the Library's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

Investments

Under State law, the Library may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit of State banks having their principal office in the State of Louisiana, or any other federally insured investment. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and For External Investment Pools," investments meeting the criteria specified in the Statements are stated at fair value. Investments that do not meet the requirements are stated at cost. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a non-profit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool.

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Contributed assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Building Improvements	5-10 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5-10 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Library Collection	5 years

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Compensated Absences

GASB Statement No. 101 requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settle through noncash means. The Statement requires that a liability for certain types of compensated absences- including parental leave, military leave, and jury duty leave- not be recognized until the leave commences.

The liability for compensated absences is reported in the fund financial statements. The current portion is the amount left unpaid at the end of the reporting period that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The remainder of the liability (long term portion) is reclassified into the entity-wide column of Statements of Net Position.

Equity Classifications

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

- 1) Net invested 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 that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2) Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3) Unrestricted net position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net invested in capital assets.”

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance as is classified in these components:

- 1) Non-spendable – Included amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. All amounts reported as non-spendable at December 31, 2024 by the Library are non-spendable in form. The Library has not reported any amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- 2) Restricted – Includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3) Committed – Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to directive of the Library who has the highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through actions of the Library.
- 4) Assigned – Includes amounts that the Library intends to use for a specific purpose, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. The Library may assign amounts to this classification.
- 5) Unassigned – Includes amount that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed, or assigned to a specific purpose within the General Fund. The Library reports all amounts that meet the unrestricted General Fund Balance Policy described below as unassigned.

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

Prepaid Items

Insurance payments made to insurance agencies that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2024 are recorded as prepaid items.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The governmental funds report unavailable revenue from property taxes and state revenue sharing. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that amounts become available.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles of the United States of America required 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 amount of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Pension Plans

The West Baton Rouge Parish Library is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple defined benefit pension plan as described in Note K. For purposes of measuring the pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to /deductions from the plan's net fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

OPEB Plan

The Library's defined benefit postemployment health care plan provides OPEB to eligible retired employees. The plan provides OPEB for employees with at least twenty (20) years of full time consecutive service, must be at least 55 years old, and must have been on the Library's health insurance for at least the last ten consecutive years prior to retirement. The Library's OPEB plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Library. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB Codification P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions-Reporting for Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria-Defined Benefit*. The premium rates are established and may be amended with the Library determining the contribution requirements of the retirees.

Leases – Lessee

The library is a lessee for noncancellable lease agreements for equipment (copiers) used. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, the Library recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use assets (lease asset) in the financial statements for those lease contracts with an initial individual value that is material to the financial statements and whose terms call for a lease period great than one year. The lease liability is measured at the commencement of the lease at the present value of payments expected to be made during the least term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of the least payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE A: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

Key estimate and judgements related to leases include (1) the discount rate used to present value the expected lease payments, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The Library uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate, if provided. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Library generally uses the City generally uses the risk free rate from the U.S. Department of Treasury website as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease terms include the noncancellable period of the lease and optional renewal periods. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments through the noncancellable term of the lease and renewal period that management considers reasonably certain to be exercised.

The Library monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability. Lease assets are report with capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position. The Library did not recognize any lessor leases in the financial statements.

NOTE B – LEVIED TAXES

The following is a summary of authorized and levied property taxes:

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Parishwide taxes:			
Library	3.60	3.60	2024

The gross assessed value for the tax year 2024, on the certified roll was \$879,309,781. After applying homestead exemptions and other reductions of \$56,430,926, the net assessed value upon which the Library's property tax was computed was \$822,878,855.

Property taxes are considered delinquent if not paid by December 31. Most of the property taxes are collected during the months of December, January, and February. The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff acts as the collecting agent for the Parish's property taxes. The Sheriff will have a "tax sale" each year to collect as much of the taxes due as possible. The tax sale date for West Baton Rouge Parish for the 2024 tax assessment will be in May 2025 and the lien date was December 31, 2024.

Property taxes are recorded as receivable and deferred inflows at the time the tax levy is billed (November of each year). As the Sheriff collects the taxes, he forwards them to the Library where they are recorded as revenues in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE B – LEVIED TAXES (CONTINUED)

The following are the principal taxpayers and related ad valorem tax revenue for the Library:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
The Dow Chemical Co.	Chemical	184,982,140	22.60%
ExxonMobil Production Co.	Oil Storage	84,277,620	10.30%
Placid Refining Co.	Chemical	44,071,200	5.40%
Total		<u>313,330,960</u>	<u>38.30%</u>

NOTE C – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Under state law, the Library 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 Library may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2024, the Library had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$4,481,324 as unrestricted and \$210,995 as restricted as follows for a grand total of \$4,692,319:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Demand deposits	\$ 656,286	\$ -
LAMP	2,628,327	-
Money market	1,196,511	-
Petty Cash	200	-
Investments:		
LAMP	-	210,995
Certificates of deposit	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ 4,481,324</u>	<u>\$ 210,995</u>

Custodial Credit Risk Relating to Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Library deposits might not be recovered. The Library does not have a policy for custodial credit risk, however, under state law, these deposits, (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or pledge of securities owned 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.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE C – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of December 31, 2024, \$1,867,341 of the Library's bank balances were secured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other government-backed securities.

The Library can invest in direct debt securities of the United States unless such an investment is expressly prohibited by law. The Library's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by it at year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered for which the securities are held by the Library or its agent in the Library's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Library's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Library's name.

Restricted Cash and Investments of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library consists of LAMP cash (\$210,995). These securities are stated at their fair value as required by GASB Statement 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*. The Library used quoted market values to determine fair value of the investments.

Internal Rate Risk – The West Baton Rouge Parish Library has no formal investment policy, but has adopted the state investment policy at LA RS 49:327. The Library invests in investments with maturities limited to five-year as means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Library's deposits may not be returned to it. The Library can invest in certificates of deposits that are backed by FDIC and pledged securities, and United States government securities. The Library has adopted the state investment policy at LA 49:327 and does not have any other policy that would further limit the investment choices. As of December 31, 2024, 100% of the Library's investment balances were exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the entity's name.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Library has no limits on the amount they may invest in any one issuer.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
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NOTE C – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

At December 31, 2024, the Library had \$2,839,322 deposited at LAMP. Of this amount \$210,995 was restricted and \$2,628,327 was unrestricted.

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.

GASB Statement No. 40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is a 2a7-like pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7-like investment pools:

Credit risk: LAMP is rate AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 60 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is (68) (from LAMP's monthly Statement of Net Position) as of 12/31/24.

Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

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.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
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NOTE D – RECEIVABLES

Receivables are written-off under the direct write-off method whereby bad debts are recorded when a receivable is deemed uncollectible. If they are subsequently collected, they are recorded as miscellaneous income. The direct charge off method is not a material departure from GAAP as it approximates the valuation method. At December 31, 2024, the receivables from ad valorem taxes is \$2,975,162 and from other governmental units is \$53,825 for a total of \$3,028,987.

NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2023	Additions	Reclass	Restate/ Deletions	Balance 12/31/2024
<u>Not being depreciated</u>					
Land	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,000
Const. in progress - bldg	748,721	-	(748,721)		-
	<u>923,721</u>		<u>(748,721)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,000</u>
<u>Being depreciated</u>					
Buildings	2,425,735	645,070	748,721	-	3,819,526
Vehicles	212,404			(42,380)	170,024
Furniture & Equipment	884,152	156,175		-	1,040,327
Library Collection	3,734,433	341,645		-	4,076,078
Right of use leased assets:					
Copiers	49,028	-		-	49,028
	<u>7,305,752</u>	<u>1,142,890</u>	<u>748,721</u>	<u>(42,380)</u>	<u>9,154,983</u>
<u>Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization</u>					
Buildings	402,770	261,735		-	664,505
Vehicles	160,279	11,071		(42,380)	128,970
Furniture and fixtures	777,417	68,690		-	846,107
Library Collection	3,455,893	166,698		-	3,622,591
Right of use leased assets:					
Copiers	31,230	9,804		(9,528)	31,506
	<u>4,827,589</u>	<u>517,998</u>		<u>(51,908)</u>	<u>5,293,679</u>
Net capital assets depreciated	<u>2,478,163</u>	<u>624,892</u>		<u>9,528</u>	<u>3,861,304</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,401,884</u>	<u>\$ 624,892</u>		<u>\$ 9,528</u>	<u>\$ 4,036,304</u>

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
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NOTE F – DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Certain employees of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library participate in the Louisiana Public Deferred Compensation Plan adopted under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Complete disclosure relating to the Plan are included in the separately issued audit report for the Plan, available from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Post Office Box 94397; Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9397.

NOTE G – DEFERRED INFLOWS

Deferred inflows at December 31, 2024 comprises of:

Pension related	\$ 59,182
OPEB	571,006
Deferred ad valorem taxes	2,975,162
Deferred state revenue sharing	53,825
Total	<u>\$ 3,659,175</u>

NOTE H – CHANGES IN LONG TERM OBLIGATION

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for year ended December 31, 2024:

	Beginning Balance - Restated	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due in One Year	Due in More Than One Year
Leases Payable	\$28,567	-	\$9,840	\$18,727	\$ 10,063	\$8,664
Ending Balances	\$28,567	-	\$9,840	\$18,727	\$ 10,063	\$8,664

Long-term debt at December 31, 2024 is comprised of the following items:

LEASES PAYABLE

2 copiers ; due in monthly installments of \$25 - \$888 and maturity dates 2/18/25 - 9/30/26; interest at 3.0% - 4.65% payable monthly .

18,727

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE H – CHANGES IN LONG TERM OBLIGATION (continued)

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 2024 including interest payments of \$847 are as follows:

Year Ending 31-Dec	Lease Payable
2025	\$ 10,719
2026	8,855
	<u>\$ 19,574</u>

NOTE I – COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The following is a summary of the transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Compensated absences, 1/1/24	\$ 57,189
Additions (net change)	24,033
Deductions	-
Compensated absences, 12/31/24	<u>\$ 81,222</u>

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and long-term portions of the obligation at December 31, 2024 as shown on Statement of Net Position:

Current portion	\$ 71,067
Long-term portion	10,155
Total	<u>\$ 81,222</u>

NOTE J – NET POSITION/FUND EQUITY

A portion of Fund Balance on the Balance Sheet has been classified as non-spendable. This represents the prepaid expenses.

A portion of Net Position on the Statement of Net Position and Fund Balance on the Balance Sheet has been classified as restricted. This represents the Judge Paul B. Landry bequest to the Library for capital projects.

The 1977 House Bill No. 199 – enacted R.S. 25.221.1, relative to the West Baton Parish Library, prohibits the West Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control from spending the principal of the Judge Paul B. Landry Jr. Memorial Fund but authorized the board to spend the investment earnings of the fund to provide for related matters.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE K – PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

Substantially all full-time employees of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System). The System was established and provided for by R.S. 11:1901 of the Louisiana Revised Statute. The System provided retirement benefits 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 System issued a stand-alone audit report on its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. Access to the audit report can be found on the System's website: www.persla.org or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: www.lla.state.la.us.

Retirement Benefits:

Any member of Plan A 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.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to 3% 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 of Plan A 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 by the statutes.

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an Automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined by 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.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE K – PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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 of Plan A 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 the benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are 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 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 any returns and other rights of the Plan are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

Disability Benefits:

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and received 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 of Plan A 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 60 for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2007 and to age 62 for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2007 and later.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
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NOTE K – PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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 or 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, 2023, actuarially determined rate was 7.49% of member's compensation for Plan A. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 was 11.50% for Plan A.

According to state statute, the System also received $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 between Plan A and Plan B 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.

Under the Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.5% (depending on date of hire) of their annual covered salary and the West Baton Rouge Parish Library is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 was 11.50% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Library are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to changes each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior year. The West Baton Rouge Parish Library's contributions to the System under Plan A for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021, were \$115,051, \$103,305, \$86,189, and \$87,314, respectively.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE K – PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources:

At December 31, 2023 the West Baton Rouge Parish Library reported a liability of (\$118,393) for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation of that date. The West Baton Rouge Parish Library's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Library's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2023 the Library's proportion was 0.124268%, which was an increase of 0.011870% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2022. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the West Baton Rouge Parish Library recognized pension expense of \$(70,536) plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions.

At December 31, 2024, the Library reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 56,063	\$ (31,779)
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	190,807	(20,627)
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,128	(6,776)
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	115,051	-
Total	<u>\$ 365,049</u>	<u>\$ (59,182)</u>

The Library reported a total of \$115,051 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of December 31, 2023, which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year</u>	
2025	\$ 14,462
2026	93,570
2027	160,339
2028	(77,555)
	<u>\$ 190,816</u>

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE K – PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions:

A summary of actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total net pension liability as of December 31, 2023, is as follows:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years
Investment Rate of Return	6.40%, 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 increase 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 MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.
Inflation Rate	2.30%

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the capital asset 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 2.40% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.50% for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE K – PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	33%	1.12%
Equity	51%	3.20%
Alternatives	14%	0.67%
Real Assets	2%	0.11%
Totals	100%	5.10%
Inflation		2.40%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.50%

Mortality Rate:

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. The data was 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 MP2021 scale. In addition, mortality for annuitants and beneficiaries was set equal 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 MP2021 scales. 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 MP2021 scale.

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40% for Plan A. 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.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE K – PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following table represents the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL) using the discount rate as well as the West Baton Rouge Parish Library's proportionate share of the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage higher than the current rate:

	1.0% Decrease 5.40%	Current Discount Rate 6.40%	1.0% Increase 7.40%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 844,755	\$ (118,393)	\$ (491,316)

Payables to the Pension Plans:

At December 31, 2024, payables to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System were \$0 for employee and employer legally-required contributions.

NOTE L – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description:

The West Baton Rouge Parish Library (the Library) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The West Baton Rouge Parish Library's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Library. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees, and retirees rests with the Library. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions – Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That meet Specified Criteria – Defined Benefit*.

Benefits Provided:

Benefits are provided through a comprehensive plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees are covered by Plan A of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age; age 55 and 25 years of service; age 60 and 10 years of service; or, age 65 and 7 years of service. For employees hired on and after January 1, 2007, retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: age 55 and 30 years of service; age 62 and 10 years of service; or, age 67 and 7 years of service.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 100% of the rate (active and retired) is paid by the employer. The amount of insurance coverage while active is continued after retirement, but insurance coverage amounts are reduced to 33% of the original amount at age 65, then to 4% of the original amount at age 70 or at retirement.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE L – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms:

At December 31, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	7
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	18
Total	<u>25</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The Library's total OPEB liability of \$557,093 was measured as of December 31, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs:

The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.0%
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	3.26% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC)
	4.08% annually (as of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	Getzen model with initial trend of 5.5%
Mortality	Pub- 2010/2021

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of December 31, 2024, the end of the applicable measurement period.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2024 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2024.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 536,063
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	21,139
Interest cost	17,820
Differences between expected and actual experience	69,035
Changes in assumptions	(64,249)
Benefit payments and net transfers	<u>(22,715)</u>
Net Changes	<u>21,030</u>
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 557,093</u>

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE L – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Library, as well as what the Library's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.08%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.08%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease 3.08%	Current Discount Rate 4.08%	1.0% Increase 5.08%
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 660,959	\$ 557,093	\$ 474,696

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates:

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Library, as well as what the Library's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease 4.5%	Curent Healthcare Cost Trend Rate 5.5%	1.0% Increase 6.5%
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 468,080	\$ 557,093	\$ 672,224

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Library recognized OPEB expense of \$2,788. At December 31, 2024, the Library reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 86,455	\$ (368,960)
Changes in assumptions	336,482	(202,046)
Total	\$ 422,937	\$ (571,006)

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

<u>Year Ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ (36,171)
2026	(36,171)
2027	(36,171)
2028	(36,171)
2029	(36,171)
Thereafter	32,786

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE M – ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

Because the Library is one of several governmental agencies receiving proceeds from a property tax assessment, state law (R.S. 11:82) required the Library to bear a pro-rata share of the pension expense relating to state and statewide public retirement systems. The Library's pro-rata share of the required contribution was \$ 98,761 that was withheld by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff from property tax collections to satisfy the Library's obligation. The Sheriff withholds the entire amount of this obligation in January each year even though some of the property taxes may never be collected.

The \$98,761 withheld by the Sheriff has been included as part of "intergovernmental" expenditures of the General Fund in these financial statements. Further described in Note B, the Library has increased its property tax revenue by the same amount of this intergovernmental expenditure.

NOTE N – STATE GRANT ACT 170 OF 2022

In the year 2024, the West Baton Rouge Parish Library was awarded \$500,000 for the construction of the new library located in Addis/Brusly, LA . These state funds were made available to the Library through legislation Act 170 of 2022 and the tremendous efforts of Representative Edmund Jordan.

NOTE O – LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

As of December 31, 2024, there was no litigation pending against the Library, nor was the Library aware of any unasserted claims. The Library's management believes that any potential lawsuits would be covered by insurance or resolved without any material impact upon the Library's financial statements. No claims were paid out or litigation costs incurred during the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE P – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Library has purchased commercial insurance to cover or reduce the risk of loss that might arise should one of these incidents occur. There have been no significant reductions in coverage for the prior year. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the Library's coverage.

NOTE Q – COMPENSATION PAID TO THE BOARD

There was no compensation paid to the Board of Control during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE R – NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

GASB Statement No. 102 – Certain Risk Disclosures: This standard requires governments to disclose information about risks related to concentrations or constraints that make them vulnerable to substantial impacts. It provides users with essential information for decision-making and assessing accountability. Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024.

GASB Statement No. 103 – Financial Reporting Model Improvements was released in April 2024, concluding an extensive review of financial reporting models. This statement introduces significant changes to the presentation of financial statements, aiming to enhance the clarity and usefulness of financial reporting. While effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, its impact may be more pronounced in fiscal years ending after June 30, 2025.

Management is currently assessing the impact that the implementation of these pronouncements will have on the basic financial statements, if any.

NOTE S – NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS IMPLEMENTED

The statements which might impact the Library are as follows:

GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for (a) accounting changes and (b) the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements (error correction). This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. This statement impacted the current year financial statements. (See note T)

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences - The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE S – NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS IMPLEMENTED (CONTINUED)

achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. GASB statement 101 was implemented, and the appropriate changes were made to the December 31, 2024, financial statements

NOTE T – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The Library adjusted the Lease asset net value by \$9,528 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. As a result, the prior year amortization was overstated by the above amount and a prior period adjustment was required. The \$9,528 correction is shown as a deletion in note E- Capital Assets.

The following adjustments were made to the Library's financial statements as of December 31, 2024:

- **Decrease in Accumulated Amortization:** \$9,528
- **Increase in Beginning Net Position:** \$9,528

The cumulative effect of the changes resulted in an increase in the Library's net position as of December 31, 2024, of \$9,528, as noted below:

	Governmental Activities	Total
Beginning Net Position	\$ 6,615,870	\$ 6,615,870
Restatement -Amortization	9,528	9,528
Beginning Net Position, As Restated	\$ 6,625,398	\$ 6,625,398

NOTE U – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Library has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, April 4, 2025. On March 29th, 2025, the West Baton Rouge Parish voters rejected a property tax renewal. Ad valorem taxes are the major source of funding for the Library. Since the renewal was rejected, the Library suffers the risk of closing at the end of 2025. No financial adjustments or disclosures were made to the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,829,000	\$ 2,829,000	\$ 3,035,249	\$ 206,249
State revenue sharing	50,000	50,000	58,022	8,022
State grants	500,000	500,000	500,000	-
Local grants	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings	86,000	86,000	290,134	204,134
Other Revenues	4,600	4,600	22,346	17,746
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,469,600</u>	<u>3,469,600</u>	<u>3,905,751</u>	<u>436,151</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government:				
Personnel services and related benefits	1,409,240	1,409,240	1,506,631	(97,391)
Operating services	571,100	571,100	505,932	65,168
Intergovernmental	90,000	90,000	98,761	(8,761)
Materials and supplies	87,000	87,000	65,546	21,454
Travel	20,000	20,000	19,137	863
Other charges	-	-	689	(689)
Capital outlay	1,185,200	1,185,200	1,142,890	42,310
Debt service:				
Principal payment	-	-	9,840	-
Interest payment	-	-	1,116	(1,116)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,362,540</u>	<u>3,362,540</u>	<u>3,350,542</u>	<u>21,838</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	107,060	107,060	555,209	448,149
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>3,862,994</u>	<u>3,862,994</u>	<u>3,862,994</u>	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,970,054</u>	<u>\$ 3,970,054</u>	<u>\$ 4,418,203</u>	<u>\$ 448,149</u>

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	15,929	13,114	49,851	40,867	42,821	18,066	21,139
Interest	23,334	25,319	21,187	17,729	18,207	18,223	17,820
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(10,614)	15,534	(373,660)	17,243	(232,529)	8,267	69,035
Changes of assumptions	(53,467)	119,822	405,939	8,585	(187,700)	34,335	(64,249)
Benefit payments	(34,546)	(36,446)	(35,826)	(37,796)	(22,420)	(23,653)	(22,715)
Net change in OPEB liability	(59,364)	137,343	67,491	46,628	(381,621)	55,238	21,030
Total OPEB liability - begin	670,349	610,985	748,328	815,819	862,446	480,825	536,063
Total OPEB liability - end	<u>\$ 610,985</u>	<u>\$ 748,328</u>	<u>\$ 815,819</u>	<u>\$ 862,447</u>	<u>\$ 480,825</u>	<u>\$ 536,063</u>	<u>\$ 557,093</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 693,659	\$ 714,469	\$ 747,242	\$ 769,659	\$ 847,229	\$ 872,646	\$ 1,108,488
Net OPEB liability as a covered-employee payroll	88.08%	104.74%	109.18%	112.06%	56.75%	61.43%	50.26%

Notes to Schedule:

<i>Benefit Changes:</i>	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
<i>Changes of Assumptions:</i>							
Discount Rate:	4.10%	2.74%	2.12%	2.06%	3.72%	3.26%	0.00%
Mortality:	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2014	RP-2014	2010/2021	2010/2021	2010/2021
Trend:	5.5%	5.5%	4.5-5.5%	4.5 -5.5%	Getzen mod.	Getzen mod.	Getzen

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

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Year Ended December 31,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	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
2024	0.124268%	\$ 118,393	\$ 1,000,444	11.8340%	98.03%
2023	0.112758%	\$ 433,982	\$ 900,664	48.1846%	91.73%
2022	0.107121%	\$ (504,586)	\$ 764,941	-65.9640%	110.45%
2021	0.104268%	\$ (182,825)	\$ 712,764	-25.6501%	103.99%
2020	0.106055%	\$ 4,992	\$ 692,321	0.7211%	99.89%
2019	0.107391%	\$ 476,640	\$ 672,470	70.8790%	88.86%
2018	0.096866%	\$ (71,898)	\$ 653,793	-10.9971%	101.98%
2017	0.107333%	\$ 221,054	\$ 635,418	34.7888%	94.15%
2016	0.112816%	\$ 296,964	\$ 636,544	46.6525%	92.23%
2015	0.108136%	\$ 29,565	\$ 646,843	4.5707%	99.15%

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Year Ended December 31,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2024	\$ 115,051	\$ 115,051	\$ -	\$ 1,000,444	11.4999%
2023	\$ 103,305	\$ 103,305	\$ -	\$ 900,664	11.4698%
2022	\$ 86,189	\$ 86,189	\$ -	\$ 764,941	11.2674%
2021	\$ 87,314	\$ 87,314	\$ -	\$ 712,764	12.2501%
2020	\$ 84,809	\$ 84,809	\$ -	\$ 692,321	12.2500%
2019	\$ 77,843	\$ 77,843	\$ -	\$ 672,470	11.5757%
2018	\$ 75,294	\$ 75,294	\$ -	\$ 653,793	11.5165%
2017	\$ 74,528	\$ 74,528	\$ -	\$ 635,418	11.7290%
2016	\$ 82,751	\$ 82,751	\$ -	\$ 636,544	13.0000%
2015	\$ 93,725	\$ 93,725	\$ -	\$ 646,843	14.4896%

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER
PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

AGENCY HEAD NAME: Tamie Martin

PURPOSE

Salary	\$	114,864
Benefits - Insurance		17,541
Benefits - Retirement		13,209
Travel		3,568
Professional Membership		600
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TOTAL	\$	149,782
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SCHEDULE 1

To the Board of Control
West Baton Rouge Parish Library
Port Allen, Louisiana

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of West Baton Rouge Parish Library, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Baton Rouge Library's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 4, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Library'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library'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 audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Baxley & Associates, LLC

Plaquemine, Louisiana
April 4, 2025

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library.
2. No material weakness relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
3. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
4. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There were no findings.

SCHEDULE 3

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the West Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The West Baton Rouge Parish Library's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

West Baton Rouge Parish Library has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPS for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) *Written Policies and Procedures*

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

- iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

2) Board or Finance Committee

2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
 - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, review the minutes from all regularly scheduled board/finance committee meetings held during the fiscal year and observe whether the minutes from at least one meeting each month referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
 - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

3) Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

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

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

- ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
 - i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Exceptions: No exceptions were noted in year 2 (12-31-2024).

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

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Exceptions No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as Required by R.S. 42:1170.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
 - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete.

Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows: hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exceptions: No testing required. No exceptions were noted in year 1 (12-31-2023).

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

We are required to be independent West Baton Rouge Parish Library and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

Baxley & Associates, LLC

Plaquemine, Louisiana
April 4, 2025

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY

**Management's Response to Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

There were no exceptions, and therefore, no management's response was necessary.