

**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENDER  
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

***For the Year Ended June 30, 2024***

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**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
*For the Year Ended June 30, 2024*

Our discussion and analysis of the Seventeenth Judicial District Office of the Indigent Defender (The Office) financial performance provides a narrative overview of the financial activities for the year. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This report consists of a series of financial statements. The Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the financial activities as a whole and present a longer-term view of the finances. Fund Financial Statements (FFS) – The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately following this MD&A, that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. The auditor regarding the Required Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Annual Report.

***Government-Wide Financial Statements***

The Statement of Net Assets Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Office as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflow of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, which is like the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All the current period revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the net position of the entity and its change. You can think of the net position—the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows—as one way to measure the financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

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***Fund Financial Statements***

The Fund Financial Statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not the Office operations as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State laws. Other funds are established to help control and manage money for purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money.

The Office utilizes the governmental type of fund with the following accounting approach. Most of the basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at the period-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliations at the bottom and following the fund financial statements.

***FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS***

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this period's operations:

- Net position of our governmental funds increased by over \$145,000. Unrestricted Net Position was \$607,039 and represents the portion available to maintain the continuing obligations to citizens.
- Total program expenses for judicial programs and services were slightly over \$1 million and program revenues (fines & fees charged for these services) were about the same; resulting in net program income of almost \$130,000.
- The governmental fund reported total ending fund balance (all considered unassigned) of \$529,338; an increase of over \$134,000 from the prior year.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reports governmental activities. All of the basic judicial services are reported as this type. Fines and fees charged to the public finance most of these activities.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE OFFICE AS A WHOLE (GWFS)**

The net position was \$795,553 at the end of the current fiscal year, which was an increase of 23% from the prior fiscal year. Following is a summary of the government-wide Statement of Net Position:

	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Current and Other Assets	\$ 540,463	\$ 404,501	\$ 135,962
Capital Assets	188,514	198,063	(9,549)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>728,977</u>	<u>602,564</u>	126,413
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	93,538	168,146	(74,608)
Current liabilities	11,125	9,204	1,921
Net pension liability (asset)	3,925	91,766	(87,841)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>15,050</u>	<u>100,970</u>	(85,920)
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	11,912	20,767	(8,855)
Net Invested in Capital Assets	188,514	198,063	(9,549)
Unrestricted	607,039	450,910	156,129
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ 795,553</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 648,973</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 146,580</u></u>

Unrestricted net position—the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements—increased due to normal operations of the office. The balance in net position represents the accumulated results of all past periods' operations. Capital Assets and Net invested in Capital Assets increased slightly for assets capitalized in excess of depreciation.

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources and the pension asset increases and decreases were due to the changes in the components of the pension liability measured at December 31, 2023 by the actuary.

The total cost of all judicial programs and services was \$1,035,442 which was a 7% increase from the prior fiscal year.

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Following is a summary of the government-wide Statement of Activities:

	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Total program expenses	\$(1,035,442)	\$(964,344)	\$ (71,098)
Total program revenues	1,165,078	1,099,908	65,170
<b>Net program income</b>	129,636	135,564	(5,928)
General revenues	16,944	7,174	9,770
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	146,580	142,738	3,842
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Beginning of the year	648,973	506,235	142,738
End of the year	<u>\$ 795,553</u>	<u>\$ 648,973</u>	<u>\$ 146,580</u>

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE OFFICE'S FUNDS (FFS)**

The Office utilizes funds to control and manage money for particular purposes. Reviewing individual funds provides the information to determine if an entity is being accountable for the resources provided and may also give you more insight into the overall financial health.

The general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$529,338 – all considered unassigned. This reflects an increase of \$134,041 from the prior period. This increase is primarily due to the same results described within the analysis of the governmental activities.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The original budget for the General Fund was not revised during the year. Estimated total revenues and expenditure variances were favorable and in compliance with the State Budget Law.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for governmental activities was \$188,514. Depreciation expense of \$9,549 was charged to the governmental activities. More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

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**NET PENSION LIABILITY**

The Office recorded the Net Pension Liability in the amount of \$3,925 in the current year in accordance with the implementation of GASB 68. More detailed information about the long-term liability is presented in Note 6 to the basic financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

Among the factors considered in compiling the 2025 budget were:

1. any changes in rates and fees for the next fiscal year
2. personnel and benefit changes
3. any new laws and regulations enacted that would apply to the upcoming year
4. any new revenue sources or expenditures not previously encountered.

Highlights of next year's adopted budget for the general fund include:

Projected Beginning Balance	\$412,373
Anticipated Income	1,120,418
Anticipated Expenditures	1,150,600
<b>Excess Revenues over Expenditures</b>	<b>(30,182)</b>
Projected Ending Balance	\$382,191

Included in anticipated expenditures include \$8,000 expected to be used for capital purchases.

**CONTACTING THE OFFICE 'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Office's finances and to show the Office's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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## ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

Seventeenth Judicial District  
Office of the Indigent Defender  
Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

### ***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Seventeenth Judicial District Office of the Indigent Defender (IDO), State of Louisiana, a component unit of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund, as of and for the year ended June 30, 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 IDO, 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's 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 statement that are free of 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 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 and *Government 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 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 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 the Management’s Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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 sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Seventeen Judicial District Office of the Indigent Defender's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to the Agency Head and the Justice System Funding Schedule as listed as other supplementary information in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule 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 November 8, 2024, on our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Stagni & Company*

November 8, 2024  
Thibodaux, Louisiana



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**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 501,599
Due from other governments	30,750
Prepaid insurance	8,114
Total current assets	540,463
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	188,514
Total assets	\$ 728,977
 <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows of resources - contributions	20,633
Deferred outflows of resources - other	72,905
Total deferred outflows of resources	93,538
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 11,125
Total current	11,125
Long-term:	
Net Pension liability (asset)	3,925
Total liabilities	15,050
 <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	 11,912
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net invested in capital assets	188,514
Unrestricted	607,039
Total net position	\$ 795,553

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

**Expenses:**

Governmental activities - General government - Judicial:

Personnel Services and benefits	\$ 940,428
Operating Services	67,127
Professional services	18,338
Depreciation	9,549
Total program expenses	<u>1,035,442</u>

**Program revenues:**

Charges for services	420,901
Operating grants and contributions	744,177
Total program revenue	<u>1,165,078</u>
Net program revenue	<u>129,636</u>

**General revenues:**

Unrestricted investment earnings	10,325
Other	6,619
Total general revenues	<u>16,944</u>
Increase (Decrease) in net position	<u>146,580</u>

**Net position:**

Beginning of the year	648,973
End of the year	<u>\$ 795,553</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund  
June 30, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 501,599
Due from other governments	30,750
Prepaid insurance	8,114
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 540,463</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	
Accrued Salaries & Benefits	\$ 11,125
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>11,125</u>
 Fund balances -	
Unassigned	529,338
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 540,463</u>

**RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:**

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources		188,514
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		
Net Pension (Liability) Asset		(3,925)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		
Deferred outflows of resources - contributions	20,633	
Deferred outflows of resources - other	<u>72,905</u>	
		93,538
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		(11,912)
Net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 795,553</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Fines, Fees & Forfeitures	\$ 420,901
Intergovernmental-State:	744,177
Interest Earnings	10,325
Other	6,619
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,182,022</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURES - JUDICIAL:</b>	
Current:	
Personnel Services and Related Benefits	962,516
Operating Services	67,127
Professional services	18,338
Total current expenditures	1,047,981
Capital outlay	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,047,981</b>
 <b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	 <b>134,041</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE:</b>	
Beginning of year	395,297
End of year	<b>\$ 529,338</b>

See notes to the financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - governmental fund (FFS)	\$	134,041
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities (GWFS) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures in the individual fund. Governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate the cost of those capital assets over the estimated useful lives of the asset.

Capital outlay	-	
Depreciation expense	<u>(9,549)</u>	(9,549)

Repayment of Non-current liabilities are reported as an expenditure in governmental funds, but the payment reduces long-term obligations in the statement of net position. In the current year, these amounts consists of:

Pension expense and deferrals		<u>22,088</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities (GWFS)	\$	<u><u>146,580</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**INTRODUCTION**

The Seventeenth Judicial District Office of Indigent Defenders (the Office) was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 15:144-149. Pursuant to the passage of Act 307, district indigent defender boards throughout the State of Louisiana were dissolved and district offices of public defender were created, all serving under the direction of the Louisiana Public Defender Board headquartered in Baton Rouge. The local office now functions as the Seventeenth Judicial District Office of Indigent Defenders under the supervision of a District Director (domiciled with the Seventeenth District) in charge of day to day operations, serving the Seventeenth Judicial District. Its purpose is to provide and compensate legal counsel appointed to represent indigents in criminal and quasi-criminal cases before the Seventeenth Judicial District Courts and the City Court of Thibodaux. The judicial district encompasses the Parish of Lafourche.

Revenues to finance the Office's operations are provided primarily from court cost, fines and forfeitures of bonds imposed by the courts, as well as intergovernmental grants from the State of Louisiana Public Defender Board. The Office employs ten employees who include the chief district defender, five assistant indigent defenders, an office manager, and three secretaries.

**NOTE 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A.      Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity", sets forth the standards for defining and presenting the reporting entity in financial statements. To fairly present the financial position and results of operations of the financial reporting entity, a government must determine whether its reporting entity consists of only the legal entity known as the "primary government" or one or more organizations called "component units."



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**NOTE 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B.      Reporting entity**

The Seventeenth Judicial District Office of the Indigent Defenders is considered a component unit of the Louisiana Public Defender Board. The District Director's authority is contingent upon the approval of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, who appointed and may relieve the District Director of his duties.

Inclusion of a "potential component unit" in the primary government's reporting entity depends on whether the primary government is financially accountable for the potential component unit. The key criteria for deciding financial accountability are any one of the following:

- a.      Fiscal dependency of the potential component unit on the primary government, or
- b.      The primary government appoints a voting majority of the potential component unit's governing body and:
  1.      the primary government can impose its will on the potential component unit and/or
  2.      a financial benefit/burden relationship exists between the primary government and the potential component unit; or
- c.      The primary government's financial statements would be misleading or incomplete if the potential component unit were excluded.

The Office's financial statements include all funds and activities et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the Seventeenth Judicial District. Other local governments over which the Seventeenth Judicial District Office of the Indigent Defenders exercises no oversight responsibility are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the Office.

**C.      Fund accounting**

The Office's accounts are organized and operated on the basis of funds. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

The Office reports the General Fund as a governmental fund. The General Fund is the entity's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the entity, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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**NOTE 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D.      Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities. Governmental activities are reported separately from business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

*Fund Financial Statements*

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.



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**NOTE 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**G.      Compensated absences**

Employees of the Office receive five (5) to twenty (20) working days of sick leave depending on their years of service and two (2) weeks to three (3) weeks of vacation leave each year after the employee has been employed for a period of twelve months, depending on their years of service. Unused leave may not be accumulated and is not paid upon termination or retirement; therefore, there are no leave benefits that are required to be reported.

**H. Equity**

*Net Position – Government -wide*

For the government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported in three components:

1. Net investment in capital assets – consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation.
2. Restricted – consists of net position with constraints placed the use by law through constitutional provisions, enabling legislation, or externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; and
3. Unrestricted - All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

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**NOTE 1      SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**I. Estimates**

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

**J. Pension Plans**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana ("the Plan"), and additions to/deductions from the Plan's 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 are reported at fair value.

**K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position includes 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Indigent Defender's office has recognized deferred outflows of resources for pension contributions.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position also reports 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 a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Indigent Defender's office has recognized deferred inflows of resources for pension liability.

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**Note 1      Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**NOTE 2      BUDGETS**

A balanced operating budget is prepared by the District Director and the Financial Officer. The budget may be amended during the year as conditions dictate so long as it remains in balance. The original budget was not amended during the year.

**NOTE 3      DEPOSITS**

Deposits (demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit) are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value. The reported amount of deposits is as follows:

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	
Capital One interest-bearing checking account	\$ 390,346
South Lafourche Bank certificate of deposit	111,253
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 501,599</b>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in an event of a bank failure, deposits may not be returned. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance, or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must always equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities must be held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

For the year ended, the Office had \$522,694 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured by \$361,253 of federal deposit insurance; \$161,441 was considered at custodial credit risk.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the entity that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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**NOTE 4 DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

The balance due from other governments of \$30,750 is for court cost, fines and fees collected and due from the Lafourche Parish Sheriff.

**NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year is as follows:

<b>Governmental activities</b>	<b>Furniture, Equipment, And Library</b>
<b>Total Cost of assets at June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 233,085</b>
Additions	-
Deletions/Adjustments	(-)
<b>Total Cost of assets at June 30, 2024</b>	<b>233,085</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(44,571)
<b>Total capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 188,514</b>

Depreciation expense of \$9,549 was charged to governmental activities.

**NOTE 6 PENSION PLAN**

The Office has adopted GASB Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. That Statement requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability for the first time, and to measure the annual costs of pension benefits more comprehensively and comparably.

***Plan Description and Provisions***

All full-time employees are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS) a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. The System was established and provided for by R.S. 11:1901 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS), through 2025. The (PERS) was originally established by Act 205 of the 1952 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana.

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**NOTE 6      PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

A Board of Trustees, an Administrative Director, an Actuary and Legal Counsel operate the System. The System provides retirement benefits to an employee 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 elect to become members of the System. All members of the (PERS) are participants in either Plan A or Plan B. Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designated for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date. The Retirement System is governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 11, Sections 1901 through 2025, specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana.

All permanent eligible government employees who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate. The Office participates in Plan B. The types of benefits provided under this plan include:

***Retirement Benefits***

Any members can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria, if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007:

- Age 55 with 30 years of creditable service.
- Age 60 with a minimum of 10 years of creditable service.
- Age 65 with a minimum of 7 years of creditable service

If members were hired after January 1, 2007, a member can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

- Age 55 with 30 years of service
- Age 62 with 10 years of service
- Age 67 with 7 years of service

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



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**NOTE 6      PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

***Survivor Benefits***

Plan B members need ten (10) years of service credit to be eligible for survivor benefits. Upon the death of any member of Plan B with 20 or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for normal retirement, the plan provides for an automatic Option 2 benefit for the surviving spouse when he/she reaches age 50 and until remarriage, if the remarriage occurs before age 55. A surviving spouse who is not eligible for Social Security survivorship or retirement benefits and married not less than 12 months immediately preceding the death of the member, shall be paid an Option 2 benefit beginning at age 50.

***Deferred Retirement Option Plan Benefits***

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

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in 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.

***Disability Benefits***

A member hired prior to January 1, 2007, shall be eligible to retire and to receive a disability benefit if he/she has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. If a member was hired after January 1, 2007, shall be eligible to retire and to receive disability benefit if he/she has at least seven years of creditable service.

Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan B shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to two percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than fifteen, or an amount equal to what the member's normal benefit would be based on the member's current final compensation but assuming the member remained in continuous service until his earliest normal retirement age.

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**NOTE 6 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 retiree 62 and older. (R.S. 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.

***Contributions***

Contributions by employers are actuarially determined each year. For the measurement year ended December 31, 2023, the employer's actuarially determined contribution rate was 5.35%, however, the actual rate was 7.50%. Member contributions are established by state statute at 3% of compensation for Plan B members. The contributions are deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the participating employer. Employer contributions to the pension plan totaled \$40,247 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

According to state statute, the System also receives  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes except Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The system also received 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-contributing entities.

***Pension liabilities, pension expense and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources:***

As of June 30, 2024, the Office reported a total of \$3,925 for its proportionate share of the net pension of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS).

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 as of that date.

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**NOTE 6 PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

The proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the long-term contributions to the plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the proportion of the plan was as follows:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Proportionate share</u>	
	<u>12/31/23</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>
PERS	.391307%	.385425%

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Office recognized pension expense of \$25,040.

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions were reported from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>
Changes in proportion	\$ 105	\$ (2,034)
Changes of Assumption	6,854	
Differences between expected and actual experience	12,702	(9,878)
Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	53,244	-
Office's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	20,633	-
	<u>\$ 93,538</u>	<u>\$ (11,912)</u>

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**NOTE 6 PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 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:

<b>Year ended December 31:</b>	
2025	\$3,942
2026	\$31,274
2027	\$48,414
2028	\$(22,637)

***Actuarial assumptions:***

The total pension liabilities in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>PERS</u>
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases	4.25%
Investment rate of return	6.40%
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Expected remaining service lives	4 years

The Cost-of-Living Adjustments were 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.

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**NOTE 6      PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

Mortality rates for PERS were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females for active members, MP2021 scale for annuitants and beneficiaries. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females for active members using MP2021 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females for active members, MP2021 scale for disabled annuitants.

The discount rate of 6.40% was determined based on expected cash flows which assume that contributions from plan members will be made at current contribution rates and that contributions from the Office and the 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 these assumptions, the Plans' 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 plan investments was applied as the discount rate to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrates CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.10% 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.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

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**NOTE 6 PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

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%

***Sensitivity of the of the Office’s proportionate share of the net pension liabilities to changes in the discount rate:***

The following presents the Office’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plan, calculated using the discount rates as shown above, as well as what the Office’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<b><u>1% Decrease</u></b> 5.40%	<b><u>Current Discount Rate</u></b> 6.40%	<b><u>1% Increase</u></b> 7.40%
PERS	\$224,616	\$3,925	\$ (180,778)

**Pension plan fiduciary net position:**

Detailed information about the Plans’ fiduciary net position is available in the separate issued financial statements of the Plans. The Parochial Employees’ Retirement System issues a stand-alone audit report on its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021. Access to the audit report can be found on the System’s website: [www.persla.org](http://www.persla.org) or on the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s official website: [www.la.state.la.us](http://www.la.state.la.us).

**Support of Non-employer contributing entities:**

Contributions received by a pension plan from non-employer contributing entities that are not in a special funding situation are recorded as revenue by the respective pension plan. The Office recognizes revenue in an amount equal to their proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension plan from these non-employers contributing entities.

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**NOTE 6 PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Office recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of \$6,891 for its participation in PERSL.

**Payables to the pension plans:**

At June 30, 2024, there was \$10,650 due to the pension plan for employer and employee required contributions.

**NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Office is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets. The Office purchased commercial insurance policies for all claims relating to the above types of risks. The Office's is liable for the payment of the deductible associated with the above types of risks. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the three preceding years.

**NOTE 9 GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

Act 307 of the 2007 Legislative Session amended R.S. 24:515.1 to require LLA to develop a uniform schedule, to be included in all district public defender reports, to provide a more comprehensive picture of the costs of operating the district public defender offices. This schedule is over and above what is required by GAAP. District public defenders who do not comply with this provision of the law are subject to civil penalties.

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**REVENUES:**

<b>State Government</b>		
Grants	<u>\$ 744,177</u>	
Total		\$ 744,177
<b>Local Government</b>		
Statutory fines, forfeitures, fees, court costs, and other	<u>420,901</u>	
Total		420,901
<b>Investment earnings</b>		10,325
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<u>6,619</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<u><u>\$1,182,022</u></u>

**EXPENDITURES:**

<b>Personnel Services and Benefits</b>		
Salaries	\$ 588,820	
Retirement contributions	40,247	
Insurance	54,270	
Payroll taxes	41,819	
Other	<u>1,710</u>	
Total		\$ 726,866
<b>Professional Development</b>		
Dues, licenses, and registrations	6,744	
Travel	1,836	
Other	<u>3,162</u>	
Total		11,742
<b>Operating Costs</b>		
Library and research	584	
Contract services - attorney/legal	235,650	
Contract services - other	18,338	
Travel - transportation	2,664	
Insurance	23,816	
Supplies	10,793	
Repairs and maintenance	7,127	
Utilities and telephone	9,939	
Other	<u>462</u>	
Total		309,373
<b>Capital outlay</b>		<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<u><u>\$1,047,981</u></u>



**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**OFFICE OF THE INDIGENT DEFENDERS**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget (Amended)	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Fines, Fees & Charges for Services	351,000	\$ 423,728	\$ 420,901	\$ (2,827)
Intergovernmental-State:				
Child in Need of Care Grant	51,203	31,606		
District Assistance Funding	664,870	690,237	744,177	53,940
Supplemental/Emergency Funds	-	26,230		
Interest Income	3,600	9,800	10,325	525
Other	-	-	6,619	6,619
Total revenues	<u>1,070,673</u>	<u>1,181,601</u>	<u>1,182,022</u>	<u>58,257</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current- Judicial				
Personnel Services and benefits:				
Salaries	580,000	588,820	588,820	-
Related benefits	129,100	131,756	138,046	(6,290)
Contract attorneys	268,000	231,450	235,650	(4,200)
Operating Services:				
Marketing & advertising	500	310	406	(96)
Insurance	17,300	15,839	23,816	(7,977)
Lease	3,600	3,600	-	3,600
Law library	6,000	9,062	3,162	5,900
Repair & maintenance	8,000	3,800	125	3,675
Dues and seminars	6,000	5,000	6,744	(1,744)
Court costs	14,000	4,902	584	4,318
Office supplies	10,600	8,677	17,388	(8,711)
Travel & seminars	3,000	3,000	4,501	(1,501)
Telephone and utilities	14,000	12,000	9,939	2,061
Miscellaneous	-	-	462	(462)
Professional services	22,000	15,100	18,338	(3,238)
Total current expenditures	<u>1,082,100</u>	<u>1,033,316</u>	<u>1,047,981</u>	<u>(14,665)</u>
Capital outlay	10,000	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,092,100</u>	<u>1,033,316</u>	<u>1,047,981</u>	<u>(14,665)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	(21,427)	148,285	134,041	(14,244)
<b>FUND BALANCE:</b>				
Beginning of the year	-	-	395,297	395,297
End of the year	<u>\$ (21,427)</u>	<u>\$ 148,285</u>	<u>\$ 529,338</u>	<u>\$ 381,053</u>

**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE INDIGENT DEFENDERS  
Last Ten Fiscal Years\*  
Parochial Employees Retirement System- Plan B**

**SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET):**

Audit Period Mesasurement Date	06/30/16 12/31/15	06/30/17 12/31/16	06/30/18 12/31/17	06/30/19 12/31/18	06/30/20 12/31/19	06/30/21 12/31/20	06/30/22 12/31/21	06/30/23 12/31/22	06/30/24 12/31/23
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.483706%	0.437930%	0.393203%	0.423276%	0.403355%	0.435453%	0.366676%	0.385425%	0.391307%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 77,816	\$ 56,873	\$ (49,473)	\$ 114,354	\$ (29,181)	\$ (111,792)	\$ (204,950)	\$ 91,766	\$ 3,925
Covered employee payroll	\$ 432,025	\$ 436,121	\$ 417,649	\$ 435,238	\$ 465,709	\$ 485,190	\$ 462,930	\$ 448,920	\$ 486,225
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	18.01%	13.04%	-11.85%	26.27%	-6.27%	-23.04%	-44.27%	20.44%	0.81%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	93.48%	95.50%	104.02%	91.93%	102.05%	106.76%	114.20%	94.26%	99.77%

**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Contractually required contribution	\$ 36,722	\$ 33,206	\$ 31,836	\$ 33,211	\$ 33,605	\$ 37,405	\$ 31,418	\$ 33,669	\$ 36,467
Contributions paid	(36,722)	(33,206)	(31,836)	(33,211)	(33,610)	(36,389)	(34,720)	(33,669)	(36,467)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5)	\$ 1,016	\$ (3,302)	\$ -	\$ -
Covered employee payroll	\$ 432,025	\$ 436,121	\$ 417,649	\$ 435,238	\$ 465,709	\$ 485,190	\$ 462,930	\$ 448,920	\$ 486,225
Contribution as a percentage of covered	8.50%	7.61%	7.62%	7.63%	7.22%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%

Note: Initial Year of GASB 68 Implementation is 2015, Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

**Notes to Required Supplementary Information:**

*Changes of Benefit Terms include:* no change no change no change no change no change no change no change no change no change

*Changes of Assumptions:*

Inflation Rate	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.40%	2.40%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%
Project Salary Increases	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%
Discount Rate	7.25%	7.00%	6.75%	6.50%	6.50%	6.40%	6.40%	6.40%	6.40%
Actuarial Cost method-Plan B	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal

**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE INDIGENT DEFENDERS**

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

**Agency Head Name: Andrea Stentz, Chief Indigent Defender**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$112,500
Benefits - FICA & Medicare	\$8,606
Benefits - retirement	\$3,375
Contract Labor	\$0
Car Allowance	\$0
Vehicle provided by government	\$0
Per Diem	\$0
Reimbursements/Office Expense	\$1,278
Travel	\$389
Registration fees	\$590
Conference travel	\$956
Continuing professional education fees	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered expenses	\$0
Special meals	\$0
Fuel	\$0
Dues - LSBA	\$0
Cell Phone	\$0
Other	\$0

# Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity

## As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session

Identifying Information	
<b>Entity Name</b>	17th Judicial District Office of Indigent Defenders
<b>LLA Entity ID #</b> (This is the ID number assigned to the entity by the Legislative Auditor for identification purposes.)	1622
<b>Date that reporting period ended</b> (mm/dd/yyyy)	June 30, 2024

**If legally separate court funds are required to be reported, a separate receiving schedule should be prepared for each fund. Examples include Judicial Expense Fund, Drug Court Fund, Veterans Treatment Court Fund, etc.**

<b>Cash Basis Presentation</b>	<b>First Six</b>	<b>Second Six</b>
	<b>Month Period</b>	<b>Month Period</b>
	<b>Ended 12/31/23</b>	<b>Ended 06/30/23</b>

**Receipts From:** (Must include one agency name and one collection type - see below - on each line and may require multiple lines for the same agency. Additional rows may be added as necessary.)

Lafourche Parish Sheriff Office - Criminal Bond Fee	63,876	48,543
Lafourche Parish Sheriff Office - Criminal Bond Fee-Act 494	1,718	1,298
City Court of Thibodaux - Criminal Court Costs	31,175	32,060
Lafourche Parish Sheriff Office - Criminal Fines and Costs	134,022	96,591
Agency name/collection type	-	-
<b>Subtotal Receipts</b>	<b>230,790</b>	<b>178,492</b>
<b>Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received</b> (only applies to those agencies that assess on behalf of themselves, such as courts)	-	-



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## **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**

Seventeenth Judicial District  
Office of the Indigent Defenders  
Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Seventeenth Judicial District Office of the Indigent Defender, State of Louisiana, a component unit of the Louisiana Public Defender Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 8, 2024.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

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.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### ***Purpose of this Report***

This 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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*Stagni & Company*

Thibodaux, Louisiana  
November 8, 2024



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***SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENDERS***

**Statewide Agreed Upon  
Procedures Report  
With Schedule of Findings  
and Management's Responses**

***As of and for the Year Ending  
June 30, 2024***



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## STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

Seventeenth Judicial District  
Office of Indigent Defenders  
Independent Accountant's Report  
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

**For the Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

To the Seventeenth Judicial District Office of Indigent Defenders  
And the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Seventeenth Judicial District Office of Indigent Defenders' (IDO) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The IDO 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 July 1, 2023 through June 30, 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 results are as follows:

### ***Written Policies and Procedures***

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1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - b) ***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.
  - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.



- d) **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).
- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (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.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-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).
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees, including elected officials, were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **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.
- l) **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.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*



### **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:
  - a) 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.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, 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.*
  - c) 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.
  - d) Observe that 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.

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*

### **Bank Reconciliations**

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3. Obtain a listing of client 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 selected each account, and observe that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
  - b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*



### ***Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)***

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4. 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).
5. 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 (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, 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:
  - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
  - c) 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.
  - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. 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.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations". Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - d) 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).
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*



***Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)***

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8. 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).
9. For each location selected under #8 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, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - c) 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.
  - d) 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.
  - e) 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.
10. For each location selected under #8 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:
  - a) Observe that 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.
  - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in "Bank Reconciliations" procedure #3, 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

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*



### ***Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

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12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-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.
13. 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:
  - a) Observe that 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, by someone other than the authorized card holder.
  - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 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.

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*

### ***Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)***

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15. 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, 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:
  - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).
  - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - c) 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 policy (procedure #1h).



- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

### **Contracts**

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- 16. 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. 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:
  - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
  - c) 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).
  - d) 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.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

### **Payroll and Personnel**

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- 17. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
  - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
  - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
  - d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 19. 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



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two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

20. 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.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

### ***Ethics***

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21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above: obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period as required by R.S. 42:1170.
- b. Observe that the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee/official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

### ***Debt Service***

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23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes 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.

24. 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).

**Results:** *These procedures are not applicable.*



## ***Fraud Notice***

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25. 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.
26. 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.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

## ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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27. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
  - a. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, 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.
  - b. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
  - c. 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.
28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19 under "Payroll and Personnel" above. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from "Payroll and Personnel" procedure #17, 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.

**Results:** *We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*



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## ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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30. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, 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.
31. 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).
32. 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 it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - a. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

**Results:** *There are no findings for these procedures tested.*

We were engaged by the IDO 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 of the IDO 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.

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Thibodaux, LA  
November 8, 2024



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