

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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To foster accountability and transparency in Louisiana government by providing the Legislature and others with audit services, fiscal advice, and other useful information.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 14, 2020

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Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's basic financial statements. The combining schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Such information

has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2020, on our consideration of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Duplantier, Hopmann, Hogan & Rotter LLP

New Orleans, Louisiana

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management’s Discussion and Analysis of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of its financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements, which follow this section.

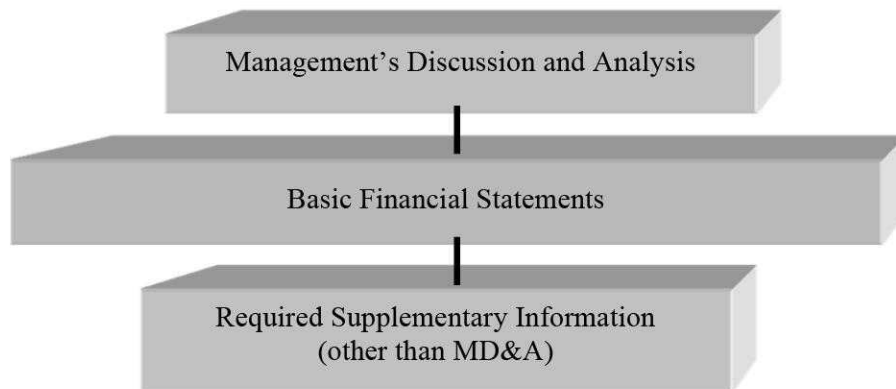
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s net position decreased by \$2,960,618 to (\$91,756,317) from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Program revenues decreased by \$263,364 to \$23,179,686. Typically, general revenues fluctuate depending upon levels of appropriations received from the State General Fund; however, appropriations remain unchanged. Changes were due mainly to interest earnings. General revenues decreased by \$19,669 from \$8,232,058 to \$8,212,389.

OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum reporting requirements established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*.



This financial report consists of three sections: Management’s Discussion and Analysis (this section), the Basic Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information. Management’s Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s basic financial statements. The Basic Financial Statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional information to supplement the Basic Financial Statements, such as Required Supplementary Information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's finances in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

The Statement of Net Position (page 14) presents information on all of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position may be a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor is improving or deteriorating. From the data presented, readers of the Statement of Net Position can determine the assets available to continue the operations of the office. Financial statement readers are also able to determine how much the Louisiana Legislative Auditor owes vendors and others. Finally, the Statement of Net Position provides a summary of the combined net position and their availability for expenditure.

The Statement of Activities (page 15) presents information showing how the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, transactions are included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor uses a single fund to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's only fund, the general fund.

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor uses only one fund type, the governmental fund. The governmental fund is used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of the governmental fund financial statements is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental fund and governmental activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes (pages 16-40) provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's budgetary comparison (Schedule 1), proportionate share of the collective total other postemployment benefits (Schedule 2), proportionate share of the net pension liability (Schedule 3), and pension contributions (Schedule 4).

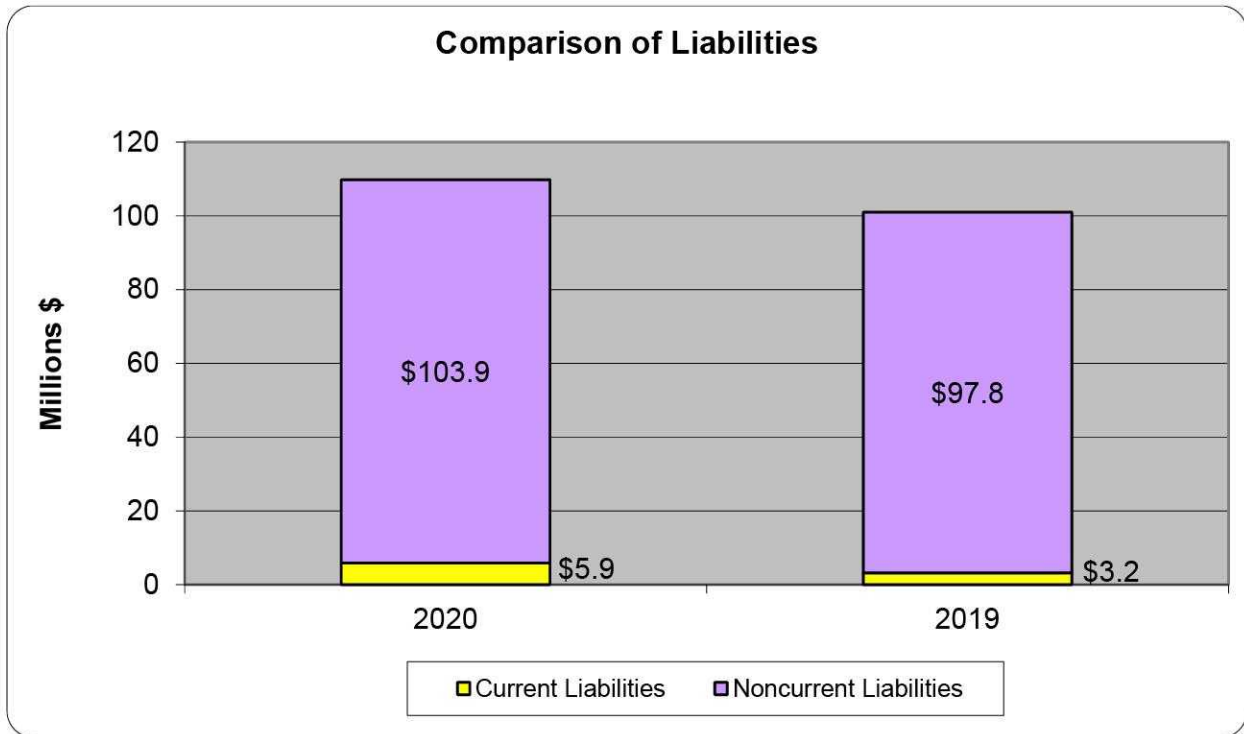
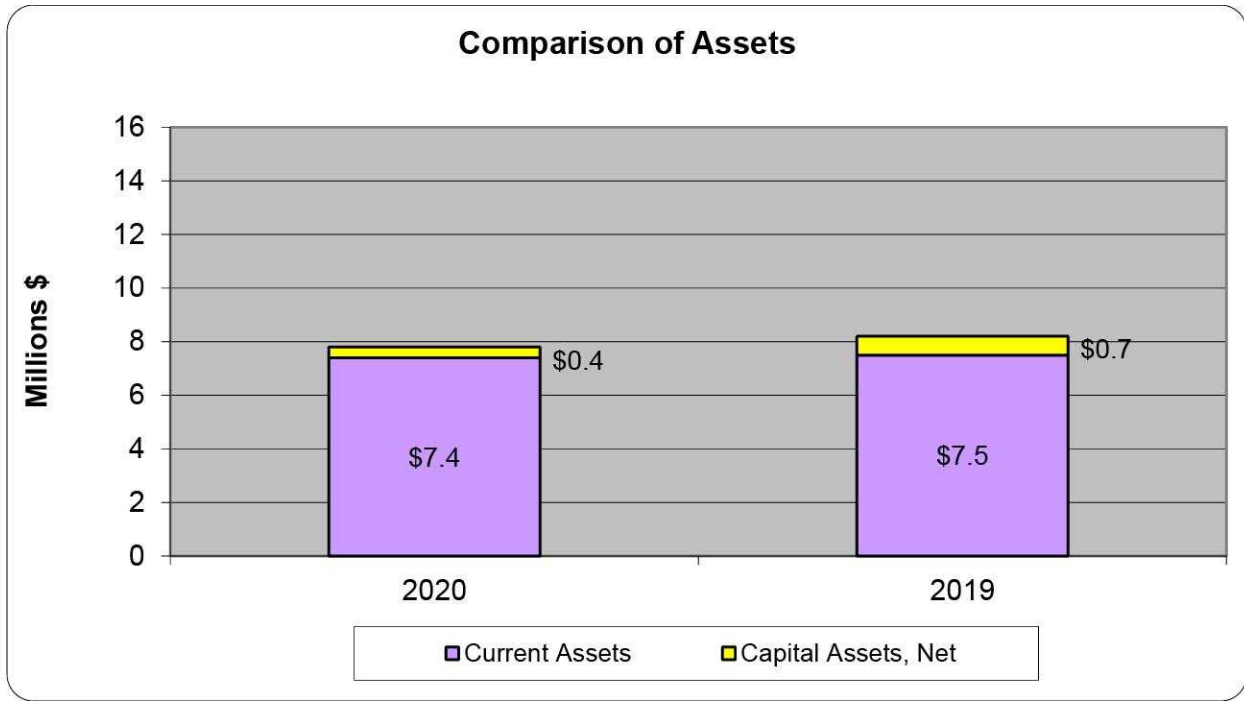
Following the required supplementary information is other supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements (Schedules 5 and 6).

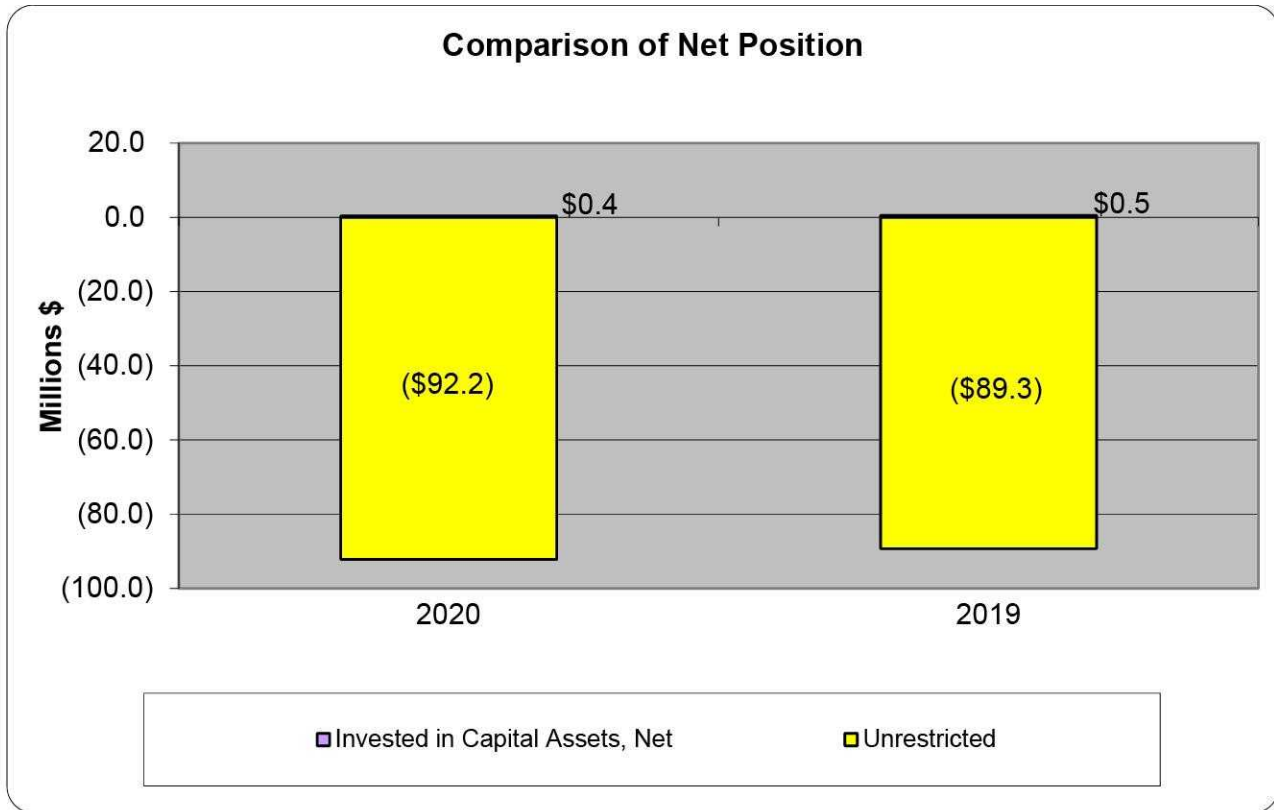
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTIVITIES

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded assets and deferred outflows by \$91,756,317 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. Included in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's net position is its net investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment). These assets are not available for future spending.

**Comparative Statement of Net Position
For the Years as of
June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Assets				
Current assets	\$7,386,272	\$7,507,396	(\$121,124)	(1.6%)
Capital assets, net	415,064	671,759	(256,695)	(38.2%)
Total assets	<u>7,801,336</u>	<u>8,179,155</u>	<u>(377,819)</u>	(4.6%)
Deferred Outflows	<u>17,849,378</u>	<u>10,833,291</u>	<u>7,016,087</u>	64.8%
Liabilities				
Current liabilities	5,855,980	3,143,033	2,712,947	86.3%
Noncurrent liabilities	103,905,325	97,836,927	6,068,398	6.2%
Total liabilities	<u>109,761,305</u>	<u>100,979,960</u>	<u>8,781,345</u>	8.7%
Deferred Inflows	<u>7,645,726</u>	<u>6,828,185</u>	<u>817,541</u>	12.0%
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	415,064	513,377	(98,313)	(19.2%)
Unrestricted	<u>(92,171,381)</u>	<u>(89,309,076)</u>	<u>(2,862,305)</u>	(3.2%)
Total net position	<u><u>(\$91,756,317)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$88,795,699)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$2,960,618)</u></u>	(3.3%)





The preceding graphs are prepared from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statement of Net Position which is presented on an accrual basis of accounting where assets are capitalized and depreciated.

Total assets of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor decreased by \$377,819, or 4.6%. The decrease in assets is due mainly to the depreciation of capital assets.

Total deferred outflows of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor increased by \$7,016,087, or 64.8%. The increase in deferred outflows is due to the difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments and changes of assumptions and other inputs for the OPEB liabilities of the LSU First Health Plan.

Total liabilities of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor increased by \$8,781,345, or 8.7%. The increase in liabilities is due partially to a 39% increase in the OPEB liability for the LSU First Health Plan. This increase was impacted by changes of assumptions and other inputs. The increase in liabilities also increased due to an advance of funds for the costs of reviewing the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Program that was reported as unearned revenues.

Total deferred inflows of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor increased by \$817,541, or 12.0%. The increase in deferred inflows is due mainly to changes of assumptions and other inputs for the OPEB liabilities of the State OGB Plan.

**Comparative Statement of Activities
For the Years Ended
June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019	Change	Percentage Change
Program revenues:				
Audit fees and allocations	\$23,179,686	\$23,443,050	(\$263,364)	(1.1%)
Total program revenues	<u>23,179,686</u>	<u>23,443,050</u>	<u>(263,364)</u>	<u>(1.1%)</u>
General revenues:				
State General Fund appropriation	8,184,454	8,184,454	0	0.0%
Interest	25,691	47,529	(21,838)	(45.9%)
Miscellaneous	2,244	75	2,169	2,892.0%
Total general revenues	<u>8,212,389</u>	<u>8,232,058</u>	<u>(19,669)</u>	<u>(0.2%)</u>
Total revenues	<u>31,392,075</u>	<u>31,675,108</u>	<u>(283,033)</u>	<u>(0.9%)</u>
Expenses:				
Personnel services and related benefits	30,448,752	26,711,093	3,737,659	14.0%
Travel	390,043	365,565	24,478	6.7%
Operating services	1,512,484	1,506,961	5,523	0.4%
Supplies	375,994	160,256	215,738	134.6%
Professional services	1,766,384	1,848,295	(81,911)	(4.4%)
Depreciation	262,503	250,362	12,141	4.8%
Debt service	924	6,357	(5,433)	(85.5%)
Total expenses	<u>34,757,084</u>	<u>30,848,889</u>	<u>3,908,195</u>	<u>12.7%</u>
Excess (deficiency) before transfers	(3,365,009)	826,219	(4,191,228)	(507.3%)
Interagency transfers in	<u>404,391</u>		<u>404,391</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	(2,960,618)	826,219	(3,786,837)	458.3%
Net position at beginning of year	<u>(88,795,699)</u>	<u>(89,621,918)</u>	<u>826,219</u>	<u>0.9%</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>(\$91,756,317)</u>	<u>(\$88,795,699)</u>	<u>(\$2,960,618)</u>	<u>(3.3%)</u>

The Statement of Activities reflects a negative change for the year. Net position decreased by \$2,960,618 in 2020 compared to an increase of \$826,219 in 2019. Net position decreased mainly due to a reliance on fund balance to fund continuing operations.

Other highlights of the information that have a significant impact on the amounts presented in the Statement of Activities are:

- Personnel services and related benefits increased mainly due to an increase in pension expense related to the recognition of the pension liability and to salary market adjustments.
- Supplies increased mainly due to the purchases of non-capitalized computer equipment expensed as supplies.

- Interagency transfers increased due to expense reimbursements for COVID-19 response efforts from the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Program which flowed through the Louisiana Budgetary Control Council.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of June 30, 2020, is \$415,064. This investment in capital assets includes office furniture and equipment, computer equipment, and vehicles. The total decrease in capital assets for the current fiscal year was 38.2%. Although it is partially offset by the purchase of new capital assets, depreciation accounted for this decrease.

In fiscal year 2016, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor entered into a five-year extended terms payment agreement for the purchase of replacement computer equipment for office data storage and disaster recovery. This option was used to help avoid drastic cyclical changes in the budget for the replacement of this equipment. In addition, there are long-term liabilities related to other postemployment benefits, pensions, and compensated absences. For additional information concerning capital assets and long-term liabilities, refer to notes 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to changes between expenditure categories to respond to changing business needs, there was one overall budget change. Act 255 of the 2020 Regular Session appropriated an additional \$2,555,893 from the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Fund for the costs of reviewing the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Program. These funds were received during the fiscal year, but there were no related expenditures since the review of the program did not begin until the subsequent fiscal year. This accounted for a significant portion of the \$3.9 million expenditure budget variance. The funds were appropriated again in the subsequent fiscal year. Budgeted amounts from self-generated audit fees and allocations exceeded actual collections by \$75,684. These variances should have no significant effect on future services or liquidity.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's overall financial position has diminished due to cumulative budget cuts to the State General Fund appropriation for fiscal years 2016 through 2020 totaling \$7.6 million and due to a mid-year budget reduction measure requiring the return of \$2,000,000 to the State General Fund from the Ancillary Enterprise Fund in fiscal year 2017. These legislative actions have reduced the remaining fund balance on which the office relies to fund approximately 12% of continuing operations. These reductions have been exacerbated by continuous increases in required employer pension contributions. The effects of these appropriation decreases and increased operating costs have been offset by eliminating vacant positions and other budget reducing measures. The cumulative cuts have resulted in a spendable fund balance level of \$309,798. The level of the State General Fund Appropriation for the fiscal year 2021 is \$3.2 million less than the amount requested and 2% less than the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2020. The supplemental appropriation of funds to review the Coronavirus Local Recovery Allocation Program have brought a brief reprieve to the problem of

finding alternate funding sources, but if the appropriation level remains unchanged for fiscal year 2022, there will be little or no fund balance to fund operations at the current level. Instead, an alternative funding source will need to be found or expenses will need to be reduced significantly to maintain a balanced budget.

In the long term, the office faces funding significant liabilities of its retirement plans and other postemployment benefits. GASB Statement No. 68 required the recognition of the office's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and GASB Statement No. 75 required the recognition of OPEB liabilities. Although recent legislative changes to the plans have positively affected the plans' unfunded accrued liabilities, these significant liabilities will remain for many years.

CONTACTING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT

The accompanying financial report is designed to provide residents, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's finances and to show the office's accountability and oversight for the money it receives. Questions about this report or for additional financial information can be addressed by contacting Mr. Wayne DeLeo, Comptroller, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, P.O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397, phone number (225) 339-3800.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2020

	GENERAL FUND	ADJUSTMENTS *	STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
ASSETS			
Cash in bank (note 2)	\$4,824,712		\$4,824,712
Cash in State Treasury - means of financing (note 2)	1,646		1,646
Accounts receivable (note 3)	1,862,194		1,862,194
Due from other agencies - LBCC (note 16)	404,391		404,391
Prepaid expenses (note 4)	293,329		293,329
Capital assets (net of allowance for depreciation) (note 5)		\$415,064 (1)	415,064
Total Assets	<u>\$7,386,272</u>	<u>415,064</u>	<u>7,801,336</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions (note 9)		11,703,804 (3)	11,703,804
Deferred outflows related to OPEB (note 10)		6,145,574 (3)	6,145,574
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>NONE</u>	<u>17,849,378</u>	<u>17,849,378</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable (note 6)	\$2,456,280		2,456,280
Unearned revenues	2,555,893		2,555,893
Compensated absences (notes 8 and 13):			
Current portion		117,483 (3)	117,483
Noncurrent portion		2,244,351 (3)	2,244,351
OPEB payable (note 10)			
Current portion		726,324 (3)	726,324
Noncurrent portion		35,222,656 (3)	35,222,656
Net pension liability (note 9)		66,438,318 (3)	66,438,318
Total Liabilities	<u>5,012,173</u>	<u>104,749,132</u>	<u>109,761,305</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions (note 9)		1,156,437 (3)	1,156,437
Deferred inflows related to OPEB (note 10)		6,489,289 (3)	6,489,289
Deferred audit fees	1,770,972	(1,770,972) (2)	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,770,972</u>	<u>5,874,754</u>	<u>7,645,726</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Nonspendable - prepaid amounts	293,329	(293,329)	
Assigned (note 14)	309,798	(309,798)	
Total Fund Balance	<u>603,127</u>	<u>(603,127)</u>	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u>\$7,386,272</u>		
Net position (deficit)			
Net investment in capital assets		415,064	415,064
Unrestricted (note 14)		(92,171,381)	(92,171,381)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		<u>(\$91,756,317)</u>	<u>(\$91,756,317)</u>

***Explanations:**

- (1) Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the General Fund.
- (2) Deferred inflows of resources, such as accounts receivable for audit billings received after the 45-day accrual period, are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the General Fund.
- (3) Long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences, notes payable, pension liabilities and its related deferred inflows and outflows, and other postemployment benefits and its related deferred inflows and outflows, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the General Fund.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	GENERAL FUND	ADJUSTMENTS *	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Personnel services and related benefits	\$30,614,884	(\$166,132) (1)	\$30,448,752
Travel	390,043		390,043
Operating services	1,512,484		1,512,484
Supplies	140,253	235,741 (2)	375,994
Professional services (note 15)	1,766,384		1,766,384
Capital outlay	241,549	(241,549) (2)	
Depreciation		262,503 (2)	262,503
Debt service - principal	158,382	(158,382) (2)	
Debt service - interest	924		924
Total Expenditures/Expenses	<u>34,824,903</u>	<u>(67,819)</u>	<u>34,757,084</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES			
Audit fees and allocations	23,421,424	(241,738) (3)	23,179,686
Total Program Revenues	<u>23,421,424</u>	<u>(241,738)</u>	<u>23,179,686</u>
Net Program Expenses			<u>(11,577,398)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES			
State General Fund appropriation	8,184,454		8,184,454
Interest	25,691		25,691
Miscellaneous	2,244		2,244
Total General Revenues	<u>8,212,389</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>8,212,389</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(3,191,090)	3,191,090	NONE
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Interagency transfers in - LBCC (note 16)	404,391		404,391
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	(2,786,699)	2,786,699	NONE
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	NONE	(2,960,618)	(2,960,618)
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (Deficit)			
Beginning of the year	<u>3,389,826</u>	<u>(92,185,525)</u>	<u>(88,795,699)</u>
End of the year	<u>\$603,127</u>	<u>(\$92,359,444)</u>	<u>(\$91,756,317)</u>

***Explanations:**

(1) Expenses and revenues of long-term obligations for compensated absences, pension plans, and other postemployment benefits reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the General Fund.

(2) Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The amount of capital outlays not meeting the capitalization threshold is reported as an expense (i.e., supplies) and amounts financed are capitalized.

(3) Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are deferred and not reported as revenues in the General Fund. This includes revenues received after the 45-day accrual period which are not available to pay for current-period expenditures. This amount is the net effect of the current and prior year deferrals.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor is a state audit organization for the State of Louisiana within the legislative branch of state government. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor is responsible for audits and examinations of the records and accounts of all public boards and commissions and any agency, department, or political subdivision of the state as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S.) 24:511-524. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor is authorized by Article III, Section 11 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor has audit responsibility for approximately 3,500 units of state and local government and quasi-public corporations, some of which are audited by certified public accountants with oversight and monitoring provided by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's main office is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor employs 253 staff members, including auditors, information technology personnel, a General Counsel, an actuary, and various administrative personnel. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's operations are funded through an annual lapsing legislative appropriation.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) promulgates accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reporting standards for state and local governments. These principles are found in the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* published by GASB. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

Using the criteria in GASB Codification Section 2100, the Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy, has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the State of Louisiana. The accompanying financial statements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor contain sub-account information of the General Fund of the State of Louisiana. Annually, the State of Louisiana issues general purpose financial statements which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. However, the activity may be presented or classified differently due to perspective differences. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor has no fiduciary funds or component units.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor has only a General Fund supported by an appropriation from the State of Louisiana and self-generated funds. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's General Fund contains two sub-funds, the General Appropriation Fund and Ancillary Enterprise Fund.

General Appropriation Fund

The General Appropriation Fund accounts for the appropriated operating revenues, transfers, and expenditures of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. All appropriated revenues are deposited into this fund from which operating expenditures are made.

Ancillary Fund

The Ancillary Fund (which has a legal name of Ancillary Enterprise Fund) was established to provide a source of working capital to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for audits in which the Louisiana Legislative Auditor is authorized to charge audit fees for certain state and local audits. These fees are not billable until the end of the examination; therefore, the fund is used as a source of working capital during the audit until the audit fees are billed or costs are allocated, collected, and available to fund operations.

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor is also authorized to allocate costs relating to state government to state agencies. Those allocated costs are accounted for within the Ancillary Fund. All miscellaneous revenues are also recorded in the Ancillary Fund. The annual appropriation act authorizes budgeted transfers from this fund to the General Appropriation Fund.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying governmental fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available to fund current operations. Revenues are considered available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 45 days of the end of the current fiscal period, except for federal grants, which generally are considered available for 12 months after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, compensated absences, pension costs, notes payable, and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) costs are recorded when payment is due.

The accompanying government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) reflect entity-wide operations of the office. These 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.

Amounts reported as program revenues include charges for services such as audit fees and allocations. General revenues include State General Fund appropriations, interest, and other miscellaneous collections.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's policy to use unrestricted resources first and then restricted resources as needed.

A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until that future time.

A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

The legislative appropriation for the general operations of the office is an annual lapsing legislative appropriation accounted for within the General Appropriation Fund (Schedules 5 and 6). Amounts not expended or encumbered at the close of the fiscal year must be returned to the General Fund of the state of Louisiana on or before October 1, 2020, unless otherwise reappropriated by subsequent legislative action. Current appropriation legislation authorizes such reappropriation of prior-year funds.

Amendments to the budget of state General Fund revenues must be approved by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council. The budget of the Ancillary Fund is an administrative budget driven by amounts legislatively authorized to be transferred to the General Fund. Transfers from the Ancillary Fund are limited by the legislative appropriation, and any amendment that would increase the amount of the authorized transfer must be approved by the co-chairmen of the Legislative Budgetary Control Council. Transfers between the expenditure classifications on Schedule 1 may be authorized by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

In addition to the amount appropriated for general operations of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor reflected on Schedule 1, the legislature appropriated \$350,000 to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for the 2019-2020 budget year to establish, if needed, working capital for the Ancillary Fund. The appropriation was not drawn by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not reflected as revenue (or budgeted revenue) on Schedule 1. Historically, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has not drawn such amount to fund operations.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary (legal) basis of accounting. In compliance with budgetary authorization, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor includes the prior year's fund balance represented by appropriated net position remaining in the fund as budgeted revenue in the succeeding year. The results of operations on a generally accepted accounting principles basis do not recognize the fund balance allocation as revenue because it represents prior periods' excess of revenues over expenditures.

Encumbrance accounting is used during the year to reserve portions of the annual appropriation for unfilled purchase orders. Year-end encumbrances are not charged against the current-year appropriation and are carried forward into the next budget year.

F. CASH IN BANKS

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor defines cash as interest-bearing demand deposits. Under state law, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. Furthermore, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor may invest in certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The fair market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are reported at cost on the date of acquisition or their estimated fair value at the date of donation. For movable property, the capitalization policy includes all items with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. For computer software purchased or developed for internal use, the capitalization threshold is \$1 million. For buildings, building improvements, and leasehold improvements, the capitalization threshold is \$100,000. Routine repairs and maintenance are charged to operating expense in the year in which the expense is incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

Computer equipment	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 to 7 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computer software	3 years
Buildings and improvements	40 years
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of 20 years or lease term

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The long-term obligation of accumulated unpaid annual and compensatory leave is recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Employees accrue

unlimited amounts of annual and sick leave at varying rates as established by the office's personnel manual. Upon resignation or retirement, unused annual leave of up to 300 hours is paid to an employee at their current rate of pay. Upon retirement, annual leave in excess of 300 hours and all unused sick leave are credited as earned service in computing retirement benefits.

Furthermore, employees can earn compensatory leave for hours worked in excess of 80 hours per pay period. The compensatory leave may be used similarly to annual or sick leave, and any unused balance is paid to the employee upon resignation or retirement.

I. NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Noncurrent liabilities include estimated amounts for accrued compensated absences, other postemployment benefits, and pension liabilities that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.

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 Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) and Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) and additions to/deductions from LASERS's and TRSL's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LASERS and TRSL. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Synthetic guaranteed investment contracts are reported at contract value. All other investments are reported at fair value.

J. FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified in the following components:

- (a) *Nonspendable* includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.
- (b) *Restricted* includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- (c) *Committed* includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the Louisiana State Legislature through legislative action and does not lapse at year-end.
- (d) *Assigned* includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. In addition to amounts encumbered by management, it includes the portion of fund balance that has been approved by the Louisiana State Legislature

for appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year's budget. A modification to the appropriated amount requires action by the Louisiana State Legislature; however, this approval lapses at year-end.

- (e) Unassigned is the residual amount of fund balance which does not fall into one of the other components.

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor applies unrestricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Within unrestricted fund balance, unassigned amounts are reduced first followed by assigned and then committed amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

K. NET POSITION

Net position comprises the various net earnings from revenues and expenses. Net position is classified in the following components:

- (a) Net investment in capital assets consists of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt.
- (b) Unrestricted consists of resources derived from audit fees and allocations, state appropriations, interest earnings, and other miscellaneous sources. These resources are used for transactions relating to general operations of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and may be used at its discretion to meet current expenses and for any purpose.

L. USE OF ESTIMATES

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

M. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the following statement was effective but did not impact the financial statements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor: GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*.

2. CASH IN BANK AND STATE TREASURY

At June 30, 2020, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has cash (book balances) in interest-bearing demand deposits totaling \$4,824,712. In addition, cash balances held and controlled by the State Treasurer totaled \$1,646. The balance held by the State Treasurer is secured from risk by the State Treasurer through separate custodial agreements, and the risk disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are included within the state's basic financial statements.

3. RECEIVABLES

Revenues generated from audit fees or allocations to state agencies are recorded immediately when earned. Receivables as shown on Statement A, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, are composed of the following:

	Receivables	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Receivables, Net
Billed audit fees	\$132,544		\$132,544
Earned, but unbilled audit fees	1,727,753		1,727,753
Accrued interest	129		129
Other	1,768		1,768
	<u>1,862,194</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$1,862,194</u>
Total	<u>\$1,862,194</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$1,862,194</u>

There is no noncurrent portion of accounts receivable. State law limits the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's credit risk by allowing the State Treasurer to withhold appropriations from those agencies owing audit fees and allocations.

4. PREPAID EXPENSES

Prepaid expenses consist of the following:

Prepaid postage	\$826
Operating services	273,612
Travel	10,350
Supplies	<u>8,541</u>
Total	<u>\$293,329</u>

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2020, is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2019	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2020
Office equipment and furniture	\$557,507			\$557,507
Less accumulated depreciation	(557,507)			(557,507)
Total office equipment and furniture	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Computer equipment	2,689,475	\$5,808	(\$178,113)	2,517,170
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,019,090)	(261,129)	178,113	(2,102,106)
Total computer equipment	670,385	(255,321)	NONE	415,064
Vehicles	58,460			58,460
Less accumulated depreciation	(57,086)	(1,374)		(58,460)
Total vehicles	1,374	(1,374)	NONE	NONE
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$671,759	(\$256,695)	NONE	\$415,064
Capital assets summary:				
Total cost of capital assets	\$3,305,442	\$5,808	(\$178,113)	\$3,133,137
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,633,683)	(262,503)	178,113	(2,718,073)
Capital assets, net	\$671,759	(\$256,695)	NONE	\$415,064

The accompanying statements do not include the value of land and buildings provided without cost to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor by the state of Louisiana. Those assets are recorded within the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of Louisiana.

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable and accruals at June 30, 2020, are as follows:

Personnel services and related benefits	\$2,317,911
Travel	11,088
Operating services	32,986
Professional services	94,166
Other	129
Total	<u>\$2,456,280</u>

7. NOTES PAYABLE

In March 2016, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor entered into a five-year extended terms payment agreement for the purchase of computer equipment totaling \$743,724 at a 3.5% interest

rate. The agreement includes a provision that in an event of default, outstanding payments become due immediately if the Louisiana Legislative Auditor is unable to make payment. The purchased computer equipment is the collateral securing the outstanding notes. The agreement has a nonappropriation exculpatory clause that allows cancellation if the legislature does not make an appropriation for its continuation during any future fiscal period. There are no unused lines of credit. The final payment was made during fiscal year 2020; therefore, there are no future minimum payments as of June 30, 2020.

8. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

At June 30, 2020, employees of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor have accumulated and vested annual leave and compensatory leave of \$2,160,917, and \$200,917, respectively. These balances were computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60. The leave payable is recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities.

9. PENSION PLANS

Plan Descriptions

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor is a participating employer in two state public employee retirement systems, LASERS and TRSL. Both systems have separate boards of trustees and administer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans, including classes of employees with different benefits and contribution rates (sub-plans). Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of all sub-plans administered by these systems to the State Legislature. The systems issue annual, publicly-available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information. The reports for LASERS and TRSL may be obtained at www.lasersonline.org and www.trsl.org, respectively.

Benefits Provided

Retirement Benefits - LASERS

LASERS administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in R.S. 11:411-417. Act 992 of the 2010 Regular Legislative Session closed existing sub-plans for members hired before January 1, 2011, and created new sub-plans for regular members, hazardous duty members, and judges. Act 226 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. The age and years of creditable service required for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by R.S. 11:441 and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. The computation of retirement benefits is defined in R.S. 11:444.

All Louisiana Legislative Auditor's members are regular plan members. Regular plan members hired before July 1, 2006, may retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service, at age 55 upon completing 25 years of creditable service, or at age 60 upon

completing 10 years of creditable service. Regular members hired between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2015, may retire with full benefits at age 60 upon completing 5 years of creditable service, and those hired after June 30, 2015, may retire with full benefits at age 62 upon completing 5 years of creditable service. Additionally, all regular plan members may choose to retire with 20 years of creditable service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit. The basic annual retirement benefit for regular plan members is equal to 2.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, generally not to exceed 100% of average compensation. Average compensation for regular members is defined in R.S. 11:403 as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed before July 1, 2006, or highest 60 consecutive months of employment for members employed on or after that date.

A member leaving service before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

Retirement Benefits - TRSL

TRSL administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to employees who meet the legal definition of a "teacher" as provided for in R.S. 11:701. Statutory changes closed existing, and created new, sub-plans for members hired on or after January 1, 2011. The age and years of creditable service required for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by R.S. 11:761 and vary depending on the member's hire date. The computation for retirement benefits is defined in R.S. 11:768.

Members of the Regular Plan whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system on or after July 1, 2015, may retire with a 2.5% benefit factor at age 62 upon completing at least 5 years of service credit and are eligible for an actuarially reduced benefit with 20 years of service at any age. Members hired between January 1, 2011, and June 30, 2015, may retire with a 2.5% benefit factor at age 60 upon completing at least 5 years of service credit and are eligible for an actuarially reduced benefit with 20 years of service at any age. Members hired between July 1, 1999, and December 31, 2010, are eligible for a 2.5% benefit factor at age 60 with 5 years of service, age 55 with 25 years of service, at any age with 30 years of service, and are eligible for an actuarially reduced benefit with 20 years of service at any age. Members hired before July 1, 1999, are eligible for a 2% benefit factor at age 60 with 5 years of service, or at any age with 20 years of service and are eligible for a 2.5% benefit factor at age 65 with 20 years of service, age 55 with 25 years of service, or at any age with 30 years of service.

Retirement benefits are based on a formula which multiplies the final average compensation by the applicable accrual rate, and by the years of creditable service. Average compensation is defined in R.S. 11:701 as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed before January 1, 2011, or highest 60 consecutive months of employment for members employed on or after that date.

A retiring member is entitled to receive the maximum benefit payable until the member's death. In lieu of the maximum benefit, the member may elect to receive a reduced benefit payable in the form of a Joint and Survivor Option, or as a lump sum that can't exceed 36 months of the members' maximum monthly benefit amount.

Effective July 1, 2009, members may make an irrevocable election at retirement to receive an actuarially-reduced benefit which increases 2.5% annually, beginning on the first retirement anniversary date, but not before age 55 or before the retiree would have attained age 55 in the case of a surviving spouse. This option can be chosen in combination with the above options.

Deferred Retirement Benefits

LASERS and TRSL have each established a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During participation, benefits otherwise payable are fixed and deposited in an individual DROP account. Upon leaving DROP and terminating employment, members must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in their DROP accounts.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial lump-sum benefit option in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits.

Disability Benefits

Eligibility requirements and benefit computations for LASERS disability benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:461. Members in active state service who become disabled, and who are not eligible for regular retirement, may receive a maximum disability benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age provided the member has at least 10 years of creditable service. Once reaching normal retirement age, disability retirees may apply to receive regular retirement benefits.

Under R.S. 11:778 and 11:779, TRSL members who have suffered a qualified disability are eligible for disability benefits if employed before January 1, 2011, and attained at least five years of service or if employed on or after January 1, 2011, and attained at least ten years of service. Members employed before January 1, 2011, receive disability benefits equal to 2.5% of average compensation multiplied by the years of service, but not more than 50% of average compensation subject to statutory minimums. Members employed on or after January 1, 2011, receive disability benefits equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age.

Survivor's Benefits

Provisions for LASERS survivor's benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:471-478. Under these statutes, the deceased member, hired before January 1, 2011, who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service, at least two of which were earned immediately before death, or who had a minimum of 20 years of service regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18 or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The minimum service requirement is 10 years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child. The deceased regular plan member, hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The minimum service credits for a surviving spouse include active service at the time of death and a minimum of 10 years of service credit, with two years being earned immediately prior to death, or a minimum of 20 years regardless of when earned. In addition, the deceased regular plan member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

Provisions for TRSL survivor benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:762. A surviving spouse with minor children of an active member with at least five years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) 50% of the member's benefit calculated at the 2.5% accrual rate for all creditable service. When minor children are no longer eligible to receive survivor benefits, and the deceased member had at least 10 years of creditable service, the spouse's benefit reverts to a survivor benefit in accordance with the provisions for a surviving spouse with no minor children. Benefits for the minor children cease when they are no longer eligible. Each minor child (maximum of two) shall receive an amount equal to the greater of (a) 50% of the spouse's benefit or (b) \$300 (up to two eligible children). Benefits to minors cease at attainment of age 21, marriage, or age 23 if enrolled in an approved institution of higher education. A surviving spouse without minor children of an active member with at least 10 years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) or 20 years of creditable service (regardless of when earned) is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) the option 2 equivalent of the benefit calculated at the 2.5% accrual rate for all creditable service. If a surviving spouse remarries before the age of 55 and the deceased active member had less than 20 years of creditable service, the surviving spouse's benefit will cease.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, LASERS and TRSL allow for the payment of ad hoc permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the retirement systems' Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature. LASERS and TRSL have established an Experience Account to fund permanent benefit increases for retirees. These ad hoc COLAs are not considered to be substantively automatic.

Contributions

Employee contribution rates are established by R.S. 11:62. Employer contribution rates are established annually under R.S. 11:101-11:104 by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the systems' actuaries. Employer contribution rates are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Each plan pays a separate actuarially determined employer contribution rate. However, all assets of each plan are used for the payment of benefits for all classes of members within each system, regardless of their plan membership.

The employee contribution rate for LASERS and TRSL is 8% of covered payroll, except for LASERS members hired before July 1, 2006, who contribute 7.5% of covered payroll. For fiscal year 2020, the employer contribution rate for LASERS and TRSL is 40.7% and 26.0%, respectively. Employer contributions to LASERS for fiscal year 2020 totaled \$7,888,942. During the year ended June 30, 2020, there were no active employees participating in TRSL; therefore, there were no required contributions. There were no non-employer contributing entity contributions.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2020, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor reported a liability for LASERS and TRSL of \$66,438,318 and \$0, respectively, for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liability were determined by actuarial valuations as of that date. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportions of the net pension liability for each retirement system were based on projections of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's projected contribution effort was calculated by multiplying the eligible annual compensation of active members in the plans as of June 30, 2019, by the fiscal year 2020 actuarially required contribution rates. As of June 30, 2019, the most recent measurement date, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportion for LASERS and TRSL was 0.91703% and 0%, respectively. Compared to its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018, this reflects a decrease of 0.01300% for LASERS and no change for TRSL.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor recognized total pension expense of \$7,123,645, or \$7,360,244 and \$(236,599) for LASERS and TRSL, respectively. At June 30, 2020, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	LASERS	TRSL	Total	LASERS	TRSL	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$407,953		\$407,953	\$138,054		\$138,054
Changes of assumptions	569,312		569,312			
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,295,351		2,295,351			
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	542,246		542,246	551,143	\$467,240	1,018,383
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	7,888,942		7,888,942			
Total	\$11,703,804	NONE	\$11,703,804	\$689,197	\$467,240	\$1,156,437

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of LASERS and TRSL net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	LASERS	TRSL	Total
2021	\$2,301,788	(\$191,613)	\$2,110,175
2022	(668,012)	(146,393)	(814,405)
2023	631,500	(129,234)	502,266
2024	860,389		860,389
Total	\$3,125,665	(\$467,240)	\$2,658,425

Actuarial Assumptions and Methodologies

The total pension liabilities for LASERS and TRSL in the June 30, 2019, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions and methodologies, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

	LASERS	TRSL
Valuation Date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2019
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Approach	Closed	Closed
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2 years	5 years
Investment Rate of Return (Discount Rate)	7.60% per annum, net of investment expense	7.55% per annum, net of investment expense
Inflation Rate	2.5% per annum	2.5% per annum

	LASERS	TRSL
Mortality	<p><i>Non-disabled:</i> Mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected using the MP-2018 Mortality Improvement Scale, applied on a fully generational basis.</p> <p><i>Disabled:</i> Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.</p>	<p><i>Active members</i> – RP-2014 White Collar Employee tables, adjusted by 1.010 for males and by 0.997 for females.</p> <p><i>Non-Disabled retiree/inactive members</i> – RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant tables, adjusted by 1.366 for males and by 1.189 for females.</p> <p><i>Disability retiree mortality</i> – RP-2014 Disability tables, adjusted by 1.111 for males and by 1.134 for females.</p> <p>These base tables are adjusted from 2014 to 2018 using the MP-2017 generational improvement table, with continued future mortality improvement projected using the MP-2017 generational mortality improvement tables.</p>
Termination, Disability, and Retirement Assumptions	Based on 2014-2018 experience study of plan's members	Based on 2013-2017 experience study of plan's members
Projected Salary Increases	2014-2018 experience study, ranging from 3.2% to 13.0% for regular plan members depending on duration of service	3.3% - 4.8%, varies depending on duration of service
Cost of Living Adjustments	Not substantively automatic	Not substantively automatic

The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the LASERS and TRSL Boards of Trustees as these ad hoc COLAs were deemed not to be substantively automatic. However, the LASERS and TRSL assumptions include an adjustment to recognize that investment earnings will be allocated to the experience account to fund potential future increases.

The June 30, 2019, valuations include the following changes in assumptions:

- Effective July 1, 2017, the LASERS and TRSL Boards adopted plans to gradually reduce the discount rate from 7.75% to 7.50% in .05% annual increments. On November 1, 2018, the TRSL Board accelerated the discount rate reduction plan resulting in a reduction of the discount rate by .10% for the June 30, 2019, valuation. Therefore, the discount rate was reduced from 7.65% to 7.60% for the LASERS June 30, 2019, valuation and from 7.65% to 7.55% for the TRSL June 30, 2019, valuation. On January 9, 2020, the TRSL Board accelerated the discount rate reduction plan again and a 7.45% rate was used to determine the projected actuarially required contribution rates for the June 30, 2020, valuation.

- The LASERS retirement, termination, disability, inflation, salary increase, and expected service life assumptions and methods were updated with the June 20, 2019, valuation to reflect the results of the most recent experience study observed for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges 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 ranges 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 2.5% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.74% and 8.48% for LASERS and TRSL, respectively. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric (LASERS) and arithmetic (TRSL) real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019, are summarized in the following tables:

Asset Class	Target Allocation		Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
	LASERS	TRSL	LASERS	TRSL
Cash			0.24%	
Domestic equity	23.0%	27.0%	4.83%	4.60%
International equity	32.0%	19.0%	5.83%	5.70%
Domestic fixed income	6.0%	13.0%	2.79%	1.69%
International fixed income	10.0%	5.5%	4.49%	2.10%
Alternative investments	22.0%		8.32%	
Private equity		25.5%		8.67%
Other private assets		10.0%		3.65%
Risk Parity	7.0%		5.06%	
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	6.09%	

Discount Rates

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.60% and 7.55% for LASERS and TRSL, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and that participating employer contributions will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the respective pension system's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rates

The following table presents the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the current discount rate, as well as what the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
LASERS	\$83,853,630	\$66,438,318	\$51,728,224

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the LASERS and TRSL fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports at www.lasersonline.org and www.trsl.org, respectively.

Payables to the Pension Plans

At June 30, 2020, payables to LASERS were \$1,136,572 for June 2020 employee and employer legally-required contributions.

10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. Substantially all employees of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, who participate in a health plan while active, are eligible for plan benefits if they are enrolled in the health plan immediately before the date of retirement and retire under one of the state sponsored retirement systems.

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor offers its employees the opportunity to participate in one of two medical coverage plans. One plan is from the state's Office of Group Benefits (OGB), which also offers a life insurance plan, and the other plan is with the Louisiana State University (LSU) System Health Plan.

These plans are not administered as formal trusts; therefore, there are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay future OPEB obligations. The plans are funded on a "pay-as-you-go basis" under which the contributions to the plans are generally made at about the same time and in about the same amount as benefit payments become due. Employees do not contribute to their postemployment benefits cost until they become retirees and begin receiving those benefits. The retirees contribute to the cost of retiree healthcare based on a service schedule. Information about each of these two plans is presented on the following pages.

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

State OGB Plan

OGB administers the State of Louisiana Post-Retirement Benefits Plan – a defined-benefit, multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plan. The plan provides medical, prescription drug, and life insurance benefits to retirees, disabled retirees, and their eligible beneficiaries through premium subsidies. Current employees, who participate in an OGB health plan while active, are eligible for plan benefits if they are enrolled in the OGB health plan immediately before the date of retirement and retire under one of the state sponsored retirement systems (Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, or Louisiana State Police Retirement System,) or they retire from a participating employer that meets the qualifications in the Louisiana Administrative Code 32:3.303. Benefit provisions are established under R.S. 42:851 for health insurance benefits and R.S. 42:821 for life insurance benefits. The obligations of the plan members, employer(s), and other contributing entities to contribute to the plan are established or may be amended under the authority of R.S. 42:802.

Employer contributions are based on plan premiums and the employer contribution percentage. Premium amounts vary depending on the health plan selected and if the retired member has Medicare coverage. OGB offers retirees four self-insured healthcare plans and one fully insured plan. Retired employees who have Medicare Part A and Part B coverage also have access to six fully insured Medicare Advantage plans.

The employer contribution percentage is based on the date of participation in an OGB plan and employee years of service at retirement. Employees who began participation or rejoined the plan before January 1, 2002, pay approximately 25% of the cost of coverage (except single retirees under age 65, who pay approximately 25% of the active employee cost). For those beginning participation or rejoining on or after January 1, 2002, the percentage of premiums contributed by the employer and retiree is based on the following schedule:

<u>Years of Participation</u>	<u>Employer Contribution Percentage</u>	<u>Retiree Contribution Percentage</u>
Under 10 years	19%	81%
10 - 14 years	38%	62%
15 - 19 years	56%	44%
20+ years	75%	25%

In addition to healthcare benefits, retirees may elect to receive life insurance benefits. The life insurance benefits offered by the State OGB Plan are also available to retirees who elect to participate in the LSU System Health Plan. Basic and supplemental life insurance is available for the individual retirees and spouses of retirees subject to maximum values. Employers pay approximately 50% of monthly premiums for individual retirees. The retiree is responsible for

100% of the premium for dependents. Effective January 1, 2019, the total monthly premium for retirees varies according to age group.

LSU System Health Plan

Effective January 1, 2014, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor became one of a limited number of state agencies that may participate in the LSU System Health Plan. The state agency participation is not material, and, as such, the plan is identified as a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan.

The Health Plan originally began as a pilot program within OGB, the office that provides health benefits to state employees and later the administration was transferred to the LSU System. R.S. 42:851 grants the authority to establish or amend benefits under the plan.

The Health Plan offers eligible employees, retirees, and their beneficiaries the opportunity to participate in comprehensive health and preventive care coverage that gives members a unique, consumer-driven health-care approach to pay routine health expenses and provides coverage for major healthcare expenses.

While actuarially determined, the plan rates must be approved by the LSU First Benefits Oversight Committee. Plan rates are in effect for one year, and members have the opportunity to switch providers during the open enrollment period, which usually occurs during October.

Employer contributions are based on plan premiums and the employer contribution percentage. Employees who participate in a Health Plan through the State of Louisiana who retire with 20 or more years of medical coverage are generally required to pay the active contribution rate for retiree and dependent coverage prior to qualifying for Medicare, and 25% of the applicable premium for coverage once eligible for Medicare. All others pay a percentage of the retiree contribution rate (which differs for pre-Medicare eligible retirees and Medicare eligible retirees) based upon years of medical coverage at retirement. For eligible retirees, the percentages are as follows:

<u>Years of Participation</u>	<u>Employer Contribution Percentage</u>	<u>Retiree Contribution Percentage</u>
Under 10 years	19%	81%
10 - 14 years	38%	62%
15 - 19 years	56%	44%
20+ years	75%	25%

Collective Total OPEB Liability and Changes in Collective Total OPEB Liability

The collective total OPEB liability for the State OGB Plan was measured as of July 1, 2019, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The collective total OPEB liability for the LSU System Health Plan was determined by an actuarial valuation as January 1, 2020, which was rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020. The following table presents the

Louisiana Legislative Auditor's liability for its proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020:

	State OGB Plan	LSU System Health Plan	Total
Liability for Proportionate Share of Collective Total OPEB Liability	\$16,711,496	\$19,237,484	\$35,948,980

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share percentage is based on the employer's individual OPEB actuarial accrued liability (AAL) in relation to the total OPEB AAL liability for all participating entities included in the State of Louisiana reporting entity. For the State OGB Plan, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportion was 0.2164% as of the measurement date of July 1, 2019, a decrease of 0.0087% since the measurement date of July 1, 2018. For the LSU System Health Plan, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportion was 1.3720% as of the measurement date of June 30, 2020, an increase of 0.1045% since the measurement date of June 30, 2019.

The collective total OPEB liability in the actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial methods, assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

	State OGB Plan	LSU System Health Plan
Measurement Date	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2020
Valuation Date	July 1, 2019	January 1, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal, level percentage of pay. Service Costs are attributed through all assumed ages of exit from active service. For current DROP participants, assumed exit from service is the date at which DROP ends.	Entry Age Normal, level percentage of pay
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4.5 years	6.6 years
Inflation Rate	Consumer Price Index (CPI) 2.8%	2.5%
Salary Increase Rate	Consistent with the pension plans disclosed in note 9	2% per annum
Discount Rate	2.79% based on June 30, 2019 S&P's 20-year municipal bond index rate	2.21% based on Bond Buyer 20-Bond GO Index
Mortality Rates	Consistent with the pension plans disclosed in note 9	<i>Non-Disabled Lives:</i> Pub-2010 mortality table with generational scale MP-2019 <i>Disabled Lives:</i> Pub-2010 disabled mortality rates with generational MP-2019 scaling

	State OGB Plan	LSU System Health Plan													
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	7% for pre-Medicare eligible employees grading down by .25% each year, beginning in 2020-2021, to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2029; 5.5% for post-Medicare eligible employees grading down by .25% each year, beginning in 2020-2021, to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2023-2024 and thereafter; the initial trend was developed using the National Health Care Trend Survey; the ultimate trend was developed using a building block approach which considers Consumer Price Index, Gross Domestic Product, and technology growth.	The following annual trend rates based on the current HCA Consulting trend study and are applied on a select and ultimate basis. Select trend is reduced 0.5% each year until reaching the ultimate trend.													
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Administrative fees	4.5%	4.5%													

Changes of assumptions and other inputs from the prior year valuation include the following:

State OGB Plan

- The discount rate decreased from 2.98% to 2.79%.
- Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2019 claims and enrollment and retiree contributions were updated based on 2020 premiums.
- Life insurance contributions were updated to reflect 2020 premium schedules.
- The impact of the High Cost Excise Tax was removed. The High Cost Excise Tax was repealed in December 2019.
- Demographic assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees’ Retirement System to reflect the recent experience study.

LSU System Health Plan

- The discount rate decreased from 3.50% to 2.21%.
- The retirement rates were updated to the most recent rates from the LASERS and TRSL Actuarial Valuations.
- The mortality assumption was updated from RP-2014 mortality table with generational scale MP-2018 to the Pub-2010 mortality table with generational scale MP-2019 to reflect the Society of Actuaries’ recent mortality study.

Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following table presents the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability using the current discount rate as well as what the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
State OGB Plan	\$19,841,973	\$16,711,496	\$14,273,004
LSU System Health Plan	24,184,918	19,237,484	15,894,765
Total Proportionate Share of Collective Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$44,026,891</u>	<u>\$35,948,980</u>	<u>\$30,167,769</u>

Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates

The following table presents the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability using the current healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share of the collective total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
State OGB Plan	\$14,268,658	\$16,711,496	\$19,901,828
LSU System Health Plan	15,716,201	19,237,484	24,401,966
Total Proportionate Share of Collective Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$29,984,859</u>	<u>\$35,948,980</u>	<u>\$44,303,794</u>

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

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor recognized OPEB expense of \$1,168,236, or \$(701,717) and \$1,869,953 for the State OGB Plan and LSU System Health Plan, respectively. At June 30, 2020, Louisiana Legislative Auditor reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	State OGB Plan	LSU System Health Plan	Total	State OGB Plan	LSU System Health Plan	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$202,081		\$202,081	\$57,513	\$1,041,711	\$1,099,224
Changes of assumptions or other inputs		\$5,259,507	5,259,507	2,693,920	561,598	3,255,518
Changes in proportion and differences between benefit payments and proportionate share of benefit payments		82,909	82,909	2,134,547		2,134,547
Amounts paid by the employer for OPEB subsequent to the measurement date	601,077		601,077			
Total	\$803,158	\$5,342,416	\$6,145,574	\$4,885,980	\$1,603,309	\$6,489,289

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the collective total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	State OGB Plan	LSU System Health Plan	Total
2021	(\$1,736,157)	\$635,053	(\$1,101,104)
2022	(1,574,687)	635,053	(939,634)
2023	(1,042,936)	635,053	(407,883)
2024	(330,119)	679,901	349,782
2025		741,266	741,266
Thereafter		412,781	412,781
Total	(\$4,683,899)	\$3,739,107	(\$944,792)

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor limits its exposure to risk of loss through the Office of Risk Management, a statewide insurance program. Through the payment of premiums to the program, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor transfers the risk of loss from theft, torts, damage to and destruction of assets, workers' compensation, errors and omissions, and natural disasters. The amount of settlements paid in the last three years did not exceed insurance coverage.

Losses arising from litigation, claims, and similar contingencies are considered state liabilities and are paid by special appropriations made by the Louisiana Legislature. Any applicable litigation, claims, and similar contingencies are not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

At June 30, 2020, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor is involved in various litigation relating to his function as the state auditor. In the opinion of legal counsel, resolution of the litigation

would not result in substantial liability to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (or state of Louisiana) and, accordingly, is not recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

12. LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor has operating lease agreements for office and storage space in Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and New Orleans. The lease agreements have nonappropriation exculpatory clauses that allow lease cancellation if the legislature does not make an appropriation for its continuation during any future fiscal period. All of these leases are short-term leases or have other cancellation provisions. For the year ended June 30, 2020, total rental and lease expenditures were \$466,227.

13. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of the changes in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance, June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance, June 30, 2020	Amounts Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$2,216,389	\$917,667	(\$772,222)	\$2,361,834	\$117,483
Notes payable	158,382		(158,382)	-	
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$2,374,771</u>	<u>\$917,667</u>	<u>(\$930,604)</u>	<u>\$2,361,834</u>	<u>\$117,483</u>

Information about changes in the net pension liability and the OPEB liability are contained in notes 9 and 10, respectively.

14. FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION

Fund balance includes amounts classified as assigned for the following purposes:

Appropriated for subsequent fiscal year	<u>\$309,798</u>
Total assigned fund balance	<u><u>\$309,798</u></u>

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor reported a deficit unrestricted net position of \$92,171,381 as of June 30, 2020. The deficit is due to the recording of net pension liability and other postemployment benefits.

15. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Professional services, reported on Statement B, include the following professional fees:

Automation Centre	Software Upgrade	\$41,250
Broussard & Company, CPAs, LLC	Audit Services	63,285
Cascio & Schmidt, LLP	Audit Services	12,000
Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP	Audit Services	394,235
Ericksen, Krentel, & LaPorte, LLP	Audit Services	94,555
Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company	Actuarial Services	735,249
Garrety & Associates, CPAs, LLC	Audit Services	2,150
Griffin & Furman, LLC	Audit Services	5,000
Hienz & Macaluso, LLC	Audit Services	56,833
J. Aaron Cooper, CPA, LLC	Audit Services	41,000
J. Walker & Company, APC	Audit Services	13,605
John L. McKowen, CPA	Audit Services	1,500
Lenora Krielow, CPA	Audit Services	17,290
Matrix, Inc.	Liability Assessments	500
Michael K. Glover, CPA	Audit Services	44,705
Milliman, Inc.	Actuarial Services	18,676
M. Carleen Dumas, CPA	Audit Services	3,067
National Association of State Auditors	Peer Review	21,189
Paul C. Rivera, CPA	Audit Services	3,800
Pinell & Martinez, LLP	Audit Services	92,990
Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC	Audit Services	83,533
TWRU CPAs & Financial Advisors	Audit Services	14,872
William D. Mercer, CPA	Audit Services	5,100
		\$1,766,384
Total		\$1,766,384

16. INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor received \$404,391 from the Louisiana Budgetary Control Council (LBCC); however, these amounts were due as of June 30, 2020. The amounts received represent a reimbursement of eligible expenses related to the COVID-19 response effort and were appropriated to the LBCC in Act 255 of the 2020 Regular Session.

17. OTHER COSTS

The state of Louisiana, through other appropriations, provides office space and utilities for the main office in Baton Rouge, all of which are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

18. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Certain employees of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor participate in the Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan adopted under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Complete disclosures relating to the Plan are included in the separately issued audit report of the Plan available from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website at www.lla.la.gov.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND

Schedule 1 presents a budgetary comparison for the General Fund.

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COLLECTIVE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

Schedule 2 presents certain specific data regarding the employer's proportionate share of the Other Postemployment Benefits Plans.

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Schedule 3 presents certain specific data regarding the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability.

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Schedule 4 presents certain specific data regarding the employer's contributions to its pension plans.

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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
Budget to Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	ACTUAL AMOUNTS					VARIANCE
	GAAP BASIS	GAAP TO BUDGET DIFFERENCES	BUDGETARY BASIS	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		
				ORIGINAL	FINAL	
REVENUES APPROPRIATED BY LEGISLATURE						
State General Fund	\$8,184,454		\$8,184,454	\$8,184,454	\$8,184,454	
Audit fees and self-generated revenues	23,449,359		23,449,359	23,525,043	23,525,043	(\$75,684)
Statutory dedications		\$2,555,893 (4)	2,555,893		2,555,893	
Reappropriated fund balance		4,135,994 (1)	4,135,994	4,135,994	4,135,994	
Total revenues	<u>31,633,813</u>	<u>6,691,887</u>	<u>38,325,700</u>	<u>35,845,491</u>	<u>38,401,384</u>	<u>(75,684)</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel services and related benefits	30,614,884	(264,047) (2)	30,350,837	31,160,770	33,852,764	3,501,927
Travel	390,043	2,176 (3)	392,219	528,575	452,132	59,913
Operating services	1,512,484	(62,454) (3)	1,450,030	1,721,097	1,593,780	143,750
Supplies	140,253	(4,134) (3)	136,119	172,243	244,780	108,661
Professional services	1,766,384		1,766,384	1,812,000	1,840,287	73,903
Capital outlay	241,549		241,549	291,500	258,335	16,786
Debt service	159,306		159,306	159,306	159,306	
Total expenditures	<u>34,824,903</u>	<u>(328,459)</u>	<u>34,496,444</u>	<u>35,845,491</u>	<u>38,401,384</u>	<u>3,904,940</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(3,191,090)	7,020,346	3,829,256	NONE	NONE	3,829,256
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:						
Interagency transfers in - LBCC	404,391		404,391	NONE	NONE	404,391
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	(2,786,699)	7,020,346	4,233,647	NONE	NONE	4,233,647
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR						
Less reappropriated fund balance	3,389,826	746,168 (5)	4,135,994	4,135,994	4,135,994	
		(4,135,994)	(4,135,994)	(4,135,994)	(4,135,994)	
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$603,127</u>	<u>\$3,630,520</u>	<u>\$4,233,647</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$4,233,647</u>

***Explanation of Differences**

- (1) The budget includes reappropriated fund balances carried over from prior years to cover expenditures of the current year. The results of operations on a GAAP basis do not recognize these amounts as revenue since they represent prior period's excess of revenues over expenditures.
- (2) Personnel services and related benefits are budgeted only to the extent expected to be paid, rather than on the modified accrual basis.
- (3) Certain expenditures are budgeted based on when payments are required to be made, but are properly classified as prepaid expenditures on a GAAP basis.
- (4) Certain revenues are budgeted based on when payments are required to be made, but are properly classified as deferred on a GAAP basis.
- (5) The amount reported as "fund balance" on the budgetary basis of accounting derives from the basis of accounting used in preparing the budget. (See Note 1.E. for a description of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's budgetary accounting method.) This amount differs from the fund balance reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (Statement B) because of the cumulative effect of transactions such as those described above.

**LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share
of the Collective Total OPEB Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Employer's Proportion of the Collective Total OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Collective Total OPEB Liability as a % of the Covered-Employee Payroll</u>
<u>State OGB Plan</u>				
2020	0.2164%	\$16,711,496	\$7,176,156	232.9%
2019	0.2251%	\$19,216,387	\$7,263,337	264.6%
2018	0.2537%	\$22,047,649	\$8,256,469	267.0%
2017	0.2537%	\$23,017,237	\$9,873,773	233.1%
<u>LSU System Health Plan</u>				
2020	1.3720%	\$19,237,484	\$11,116,595	173.1%
2019	1.2675%	\$13,856,847	\$10,182,630	136.1%
2018	1.2158%	\$11,862,566	\$9,607,763	123.5%
2017	1.1908%	\$12,019,076	\$9,278,507	129.5%

The schedule is intended to report information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. The amounts presented for the State OGB Plan have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year while the amounts for the LSU System Health Plan have a measurement date of the current fiscal year.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE
Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share
of the Collective Total OPEB Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

STATE OGB PLAN

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the requirements in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75 to pay related benefits.

Changes in Assumptions

- The valuation report as of July 1, 2017, increased the discount rate from 2.71% to 3.13%.
- The valuation report as of July 1, 2018, made the following changes:
 - The discount rate decreased from 3.13% to 2.98%.
 - Baseline per capita costs were adjusted to reflect 2018 claims and enrollment, and retiree contributions were updated based on 2019 premiums. The impact of the high cost excise tax was revisited, reflecting updated plan premiums.
 - The percentage of future retirees assumed to elect medical coverage was adjusted based on recent plan experience.
 - Demographic assumptions were revised for the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Louisiana School Employers Retirement System, and Louisiana State Police Retirement System to reflect recent experience studies.
 - Mortality assumptions for members in LASERS were updated from using projection scale MP-2017 to using projection scale MP-2018.
- The valuation report as of July 1, 2019, made the following changes:
 - The discount rate decreased from 2.98% to 2.79%.
 - Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2019 claims and enrollment and retiree contributions were updated based on 2020 premiums.
 - Life insurance contributions were updated to reflect 2020 premium schedules.

- The impact of the High Cost Excise Tax was removed. The High Cost Excise Tax was repealed in December 2019.
- Demographic assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System to reflect the recent experience study.

LSU SYSTEM HEALTH PLAN

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the requirements in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75 to pay related benefits.

Factors Affecting Trends

- The valuation report as of June 30, 2018, made the following changes:
 - Increased the discount rate from 3.58% to 3.90%.
 - Updated plan design changes as of January 1, 2018.
 - Updated claim costs for the expected retiree health costs.
 - Census changes since the last evaluation.
- The valuation report as of June 30, 2019, decreased the discount rate from 3.90% to 3.50%.
- The valuation report as of June 30, 2020, made the following changes:
 - The discount rate decreased from 3.50% to 2.21%.
 - The retirement rates were updated to the most recent rates from the LASERS and TRSL Actuarial Valuations.
 - The mortality assumption was updated from RP-2014 mortality table with generational scale MP-2018 to the Pub-2010 mortality table with generational scale MP-2019 to reflect the Society of Actuaries' recent mortality study.

**LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share
of the Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<u>Fiscal Year *</u>	<u>Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</u>
<u>LASERS:</u>					
2020	0.91703%	\$66,438,318	\$17,970,998	369.7%	62.9%
2019	0.93003%	\$63,427,095	\$17,242,420	367.9%	64.3%
2018	0.90288%	\$63,552,115	\$17,838,477	356.3%	62.5%
2017	0.95894%	\$75,301,182	\$18,395,693	409.3%	57.7%
2016	0.93625%	\$63,678,997	\$17,844,855	356.8%	62.7%
2015	0.92845%	\$58,055,159	\$17,977,900	322.9%	65.0%
2014	0.88909%	\$64,767,090	\$17,704,314	365.8%	58.6%
<u>TRSL:</u>					
2020	0.00000%	\$0	\$0	0.0%	68.6%
2019	0.00000%	\$0	\$115,397	0.0%	68.2%
2018	0.00630%	\$645,766	\$272,878	236.7%	65.6%
2017	0.00706%	\$828,866	\$307,401	269.6%	59.9%
2016	0.00907%	\$975,554	\$418,140	233.3%	62.5%
2015	0.01099%	\$1,123,744	\$484,613	231.9%	63.7%
2014	0.01050%	\$1,253,575	\$438,622	285.8%	56.5%

* Amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date (i.e. previous fiscal year end).

The schedule is intended to report information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
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**Schedule of Employer's Pension Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<u>Fiscal Year *</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>
<u>LASERS:</u>					
2020	\$7,888,942	\$7,888,942	\$0	\$19,396,237	40.7%
2019	\$6,830,956	\$6,830,956	\$0	\$17,970,998	38.0%
2018	\$6,534,878	\$6,534,878	\$0	\$17,242,420	37.9%
2017	\$6,399,781	\$6,399,781	\$0	\$17,838,477	35.9%
2016	\$6,834,516	\$6,834,516	\$0	\$18,395,693	37.2%
2015	\$6,603,557	\$6,603,557	\$0	\$17,844,855	37.0%
2014	\$5,649,750	\$5,649,750	\$0	\$17,977,900	31.4%
2013	\$5,159,618	\$5,159,618	\$0	\$17,704,314	29.1%
2012	\$4,393,629	\$4,393,629	\$0	\$17,118,208	25.7%
2011	\$3,710,737	\$3,710,737	\$0	\$16,824,708	22.1%
<u>TRSL:</u>					
2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
2018	\$30,696	\$30,696	\$0	\$115,397	26.6%
2017	\$69,698	\$69,698	\$0	\$272,878	25.5%
2016	\$79,143	\$79,143	\$0	\$307,401	25.7%
2015	\$108,808	\$108,808	\$0	\$418,140	26.0%
2014	\$123,252	\$123,252	\$0	\$484,613	25.4%
2013	\$99,301	\$99,301	\$0	\$438,622	22.6%
2012	\$80,741	\$80,741	\$0	\$376,255	21.5%
2011	\$69,031	\$69,031	\$0	\$380,826	18.1%

* Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES
Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of the
Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's
Pension Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Changes of Benefit Terms

LASERS

- A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2014, provided by Acts 102 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.
- A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.

TRSL

- A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2014, provided by Acts 204 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.
- The 2015 valuation incorporates a change providing that members employed on or after July 1, 2015 may retire at age 62 with a 2.5% benefit factor with at least 5 years of service credit or at any age after 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced).
- A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.

Changes in Assumptions

LASERS

- Effective July 1, 2017, the LASERS Board reduced the inflation assumption from 3.0% to 2.75%. Since the inflation assumption is a component of the salary increase assumption, all salary increase assumptions decreased by .25% in the June 30, 2017 valuation.
- Effective July 1, 2017, the projected contribution requirement includes direct funding of administrative expenses, rather than a reduction in the assumed rate of return, per Act 94 of 2016.

- Effective July 1, 2017, the LASERS board adopted a plan to gradually reduce the discount rate from 7.75% to 7.50% in .05% annual increments. Therefore, the discount rate was reduced from 7.75% to 7.70% for the June 30, 2017 valuation, to 7.65% for the June 30, 2018 valuation, and to 7.60% for the June 30, 2019 valuation.
- Retirement, termination, disability, inflation, salary increase, and expected service life assumptions and methods were updated with the June 30, 2019, valuation to reflect the results of the most recent experience study observed for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

TRSL

- Effective July 1, 2017, the projected contribution requirement includes direct funding of administrative expenses, rather than a reduction in the assumed rate of return, per Act 94 of 2016.
- Effective July 1, 2017, the TRSL board adopted a plan to gradually reduce the discount rate from 7.75% to 7.50% in .05% annual increments. Therefore, the discount rate was reduced from 7.75% to 7.70% for the June 30, 2017 valuation, and to 7.65% for the June 30, 2018 valuation. On November 1, 2018, the TRSL Board accelerated the discount rate reduction plan by one year and a 7.55% rate was used to determine the projected contribution requirements for the June 30, 2019 valuation.
- Demographic, mortality, and salary assumptions were updated beginning with the June 30, 2018, valuation to reflect the results of the most recent experience study observed for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017.

Changes to Covered Payroll

Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 82 in fiscal year 2016, prior amounts were restated to reflect payroll on which contributions are based.

Changes to Population

During fiscal year 2018, all active TRSL members employed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor retired. This change impacts the proportionate share allocated for fiscal year 2019, the reporting period. The result is that the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's proportionate share is zero even though there is a balance in the employer's covered payroll.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND (ALL APPROPRIATED AND NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS)

Schedule 5 presents the Balance Sheet, by the General Fund subaccounts.

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND (ALL APPROPRIATED AND NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS)

Schedule 6 presents the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance, by the General Fund subaccounts.

**LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Combining Balance Sheet - General Fund
(All Appropriated and Non-appropriated Funds)
June 30, 2020**

	GENERAL	ANCILLARY	GENERAL FUND	
	APPROPRIATION		FUND	FOR THE YEARS ENDED
	FUND		JUNE 30, 2020	JUNE 30, 2019
ASSETS				
Cash in bank	\$4,824,712		\$4,824,712	\$4,624,488
Cash in State Treasury, means of financing		\$1,646	1,646	198,435
Accounts receivable	1,768	1,860,426	1,862,194	2,326,649
Due from other agencies - LBCC	404,391		404,391	
Prepaid expenses	293,329		293,329	357,824
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,524,200	\$1,862,072	\$7,386,272	\$7,507,396
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$2,456,280		\$2,456,280	\$2,104,860
Unearned revenues	2,555,893		2,555,893	
Total Liabilities	5,012,173	NONE	5,012,173	2,104,860
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Deferred audit fees	NONE	\$1,770,972	1,770,972	2,012,710
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable - prepaid amounts	293,329		293,329	357,824
Assigned	218,698	91,100	309,798	3,032,002
Total Fund Balances	512,027	91,100	603,127	3,389,826
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$5,524,200	\$1,862,072	\$7,386,272	\$7,507,396

**LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
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**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund
(All Appropriated and Non-appropriated Funds)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	GENERAL APPROPRIATION FUND	ANCILLARY FUND	GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED	
			JUNE 30, 2020	JUNE 30, 2019
REVENUES				
State General Fund appropriation	\$8,184,454		\$8,184,454	\$8,184,454
Audit fees and allocations		\$23,421,424	23,421,424	23,453,983
Interest		25,691	25,691	47,529
Miscellaneous		2,244	2,244	75
Total revenues	<u>8,184,454</u>	<u>23,449,359</u>	<u>31,633,813</u>	<u>31,686,041</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel services and related benefits	30,614,884		30,614,884	28,227,644
Travel	390,043		390,043	365,565
Operating services	1,512,484		1,512,484	1,506,961
Supplies	140,253		140,253	132,805
Professional services	1,766,384		1,766,384	1,848,295
Capital outlay	241,549		241,549	206,257
Debt service - principal	158,382		158,382	152,949
Debt service - interest	924		924	6,357
Total expenditures	<u>34,824,903</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>34,824,903</u>	<u>32,446,833</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	<u>(26,640,449)</u>	<u>23,449,359</u>	<u>(3,191,090)</u>	<u>(760,792)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES				
Transfer to Ancillary Fund	(1,799,459)	1,799,459		
Transfer from Ancillary Fund	26,748,085	(26,748,085)		
Interagency transfers in - LBCC	404,391		404,391	
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>25,353,017</u>	<u>(24,948,626)</u>	<u>404,391</u>	<u>NONE</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES				
	<u>(1,287,432)</u>	<u>(1,499,267)</u>	<u>(2,786,699)</u>	<u>(760,792)</u>
BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE				
	<u>1,799,459</u>	<u>1,590,367</u>	<u>3,389,826</u>	<u>4,150,618</u>
END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE				
	<u>\$512,027</u>	<u>\$91,100</u>	<u>\$603,127</u>	<u>\$3,389,826</u>

EXHIBIT A

**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
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December 14, 2020

Louisiana Legislative Auditor
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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, a component unit of the State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which comprise the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2020.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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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 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance 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

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



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