

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE WEST BATON
ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

West Baton Rouge Museum
Port Allen, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of West Baton Rouge Museum, a component unit of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise of the West Baton Rouge Museum's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the West Baton Rouge Museum, as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

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

Matter Giving Rise to the Qualified Opinion

As explained in Note 6, the West Baton Rouge Museum did not adopt the provisions of GASB 68 as amended by GASB 71, "*Pension Transition for Contributions made Subsequent to the Measurement Date -An Amendment of GASB Statement 68.*" These statements require that the Museum recognize, within the governmental activities financial statements, net pension liability, deferred inflows of resources, and deferred outflows of resources related to its participation in the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, a cost-sharing, multiple employer, defined benefit plan. The amount by which this departure would affect deferred outflows, deferred inflows, net position, and expense of the governmental activities has not been determined.



Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements have been restated to correct a material misstatement. We also draw attention to the fact that West Baton Rouge Museum has elected to omit the Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the West Baton Rouge Museum's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

West Baton Rouge Museum
April 15, 2025

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

West Baton Rouge Museum
April 15, 2025

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise West Baton Rouge Museum's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 15, 2025, on our consideration of West Baton Rouge Museum's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the West Baton Rouge Museum's 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 West Baton Rouge Museum's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

April 15, 2025
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,925
Investments	625,551
Taxes receivable	1,486,852
Grants receivable	3,594
Intergovernmental receivable	6,227
Prepaid expenses	4,092
Inventory	2,136
Total current assets	2,133,377
Restricted Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	73
Investments	40,578
Total restricted assets	40,651
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	1,255,819
Right-of-use lease asset, net of accumulated amortization	3,492
Total noncurrent assets	1,259,311
Total assets	3,433,339
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Current Liabilities - (Payable from Current Assets)	
Accounts payable	10,720
Accrued salary	10,886
Intergovernmental payable	49,638
Leases payable - current portion	2,015
Unearned revenue - grants and donations	40,652
Total current liabilities (payable from current assets)	113,911
Long-Term Liabilities	
Accumulated compensated absences	105,980
Leases payable - long-term	1,567
Total long-term liabilities	107,547
Total liabilities	221,458
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u>	
Deferred ad valorem taxes	1,486,852
Deferred state revenue sharing	7,443
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,494,295
Total liabilities and deferred inflow of resources	1,715,753
<u>NET POSITION:</u>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,255,729
Restricted - grants and donations	40,651
Unrestricted	421,206
Total net position	\$ 1,717,586

See accompanying NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>Functions/programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Governmental Activities Net Revenues and Changes</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
<u>Governmental activities:</u>					
General government	<u>\$ 1,418,171</u>	<u>\$ 35,112</u>	<u>\$ 45,620</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,337,439)</u>
General revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes					1,258,296
State revenue sharing					6,087
Investment earnings					56,732
Advertisement reimbursement					<u>20,000</u>
Total general revenues					<u>1,341,115</u>
Change in net position					3,676
Net position - beginning					<u>1,713,910</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 1,717,586</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO THE FININCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
BALANCE SHEET, GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,925
Investments	625,551
Taxes receivable	1,486,852
Grants receivable	3,594
Intergovernmental receivable	6,227
Prepaid expenses	4,092
Inventory	2,136
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	73
Restricted investments	40,578
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,174,028</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES:

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 10,720
Accrued salary	10,886
Intergovernmental payable	49,638
Unearned revenue - grants and donations	<u>40,652</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>111,896</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred ad valorem taxes	38,687
Deferred state revenue sharing	<u>7,443</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>46,130</u>

FUND BALANCE:

Nonspendable - prepaid	4,092
Restricted - grants and donations	40,652
Unrestricted	<u>1,971,258</u>
Total fund balance	<u>2,016,002</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u>\$ 2,174,028</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO THE FININCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at December 31, 2023	\$ 2,016,002
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds	
Governmental capital assets	\$ 2,065,740
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(806,429)</u>
	1,259,311
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds	
Leases payable	(3,582)
Compensated absences	(105,980)
Deferred inflows of resources for ad valorem taxes do not provide financial resources within the period of availability so they are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(1,448,165)</u>
Net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 1,717,586</u></u>

See accompanying NOTES TO THE FININCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

REVENUES:

Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,477,718
State revenue sharing	6,087
Grants	45,620
Fees and charges	35,112
Advertising reimbursement	20,000
Investment earnings	<u>56,732</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,641,269</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Culture and recreation	
Salaries and payroll taxes	639,610
Fringe	186,922
Travel	24,389
Operating services	385,674
Materials and supplies	62,606
Intergovernmental	49,637
Capital outlay	66,075
Debt service	
Principal	1,934
Interest	<u>191</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,417,038</u>

Excess of revenues over expenditures	224,231
Fund balance, beginning, as restated	<u>1,791,771</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u><u>\$ 2,016,002</u></u>

See accompanying NOTES TO THE FININCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total net change in fund balance at December 31, 2023 per statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance	\$ 224,231
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of
net assets are different because:

Difference in ad-valorem tax revenue recorded on the Fund Financial Statements and the Government-Wide Financial Statements. Property tax revenues will not be collected until the period assessed. These are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds unless collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal period.	(219,422)
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the
statement of activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated
useful lives and reported as depreciation expense

Capital outlay	\$ 66,075	
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(59,791)</u>	
		6,284

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources of
governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term
debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds.
Neither transaction, however, has an effect on net position:

Principal payments on outstanding leases	1,934
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Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require
the use of current financial resources and therefore are not
Reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated absences	<u>(9,351)</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 3,676</u></u>
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See accompanying NOTES TO THE FININCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(1) INTRODUCTION

The West Baton Rouge Museum (Museum) is a general museum (history and art) which largely deals with the past and present activities of West Baton Rouge Parish. Permanent and temporary exhibits are housed at the museum, illustrating the area's history and art, both from this area and further afield. Six historic buildings are also on site and are part of the interpretive program. Numerous educational programs and workshops are held throughout the year.

The West Baton Rouge Museum Board was established by Act 120 of the Louisiana Legislature in 1991, under the provision of Louisiana Revised Statutes 25:1201 through 25:1213.

The population of West Baton Rouge Parish in 2023 was approximately 28,266. The Museum has about twenty thousand visitors annually and employs approximately 10 full-time employees and 10 part-time employees.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Museum have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Codification Sec. 2600, Reporting Entity and Component Unit Presentation and Disclosure.

Reporting Entity

GASB Codification Section 2100 has defined the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. The Museum is considered a component unit of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council because the Council ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The Museum has no component units. The accompanying financial statements present information only as to the transactions and the activities of the Museum.

Fund Accounting

The Museum uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain museum functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

- a) Net invested in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b) Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c) Unrestricted net position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net invested in capital assets”.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- a. Non-spendable – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) in a nonspendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Management has classified prepaid expenditures as being non-spendable as this item is not expected to be converted to cash.
- b. Restricted – amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of resources that are either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Committed – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Museum. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board of directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Museum did not have any committed resources as of yearend.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTIUED)

Equity Classifications (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

- d. Assigned – spendable amounts that are reported in governmental funds other than the General Fund, that are neither restricted nor committed, and amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 54. The intent of an assigned fund balance should be expressed by the Museum that has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. The Museum’s management has not assigned any amounts at yearend.
- e. Unassigned – the residual fund balance for the General Fund. It also represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

It is the Museum’s policy to spend restricted fund balances first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available. It is the Museum’s policy to spend committed or assigned fund balances first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The Museum does not have any policy regarding minimum fund balance amounts.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Governmental Fund

Governmental funds account for all of the Museum’s general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the governmental fund according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund’s assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources, which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Museum. The following is the Museum’s governmental fund:

General Fund

The general fund is the primary operating fund of the Museum, and it accounts for all financial resources. The general fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to Museum policy.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTIUED)

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the Museum's office as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Museum's office. Information contained in these statements reflects 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 the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Program Revenues

Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Fund Statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Museum's office operations.

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Fund Statements use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Grant and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the cash is received by the government within 60 days of the end of the fiscal period.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTIUED)

Reconciliation

A reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position is provided on page 8. A reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities is provided on page 10.

Budgets

Annually in the fall of each year, the Museum's management submits a proposed operation budget for the general fund.

After the Board adopts the budget in the fall, the budget is sent to the West Baton Rouge Parish Council who conducts a public hearing on the budget, which must be adopted by December 15. At year end, public notices affording the public the opportunity to participate in the budget process, appear in the December issues of the West Side Journal, the official journal of the parish.

All budgetary appropriations (unexpected budget balances) lapse at the end of each fiscal year. There are no outstanding encumbrances. The non-GAAP basis is used in preparing and reporting the budgets and those funds not budgeted. The Museum Board will meet time to time to make changes or amendments within the various budget categories.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments

State law and the West Baton Rouge Museum's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities. Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955 and include Louisiana Asset Management Pool which is authorized under Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1321. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are reported at market value. Interest is accrued as earned.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and cash equivalents and investments that are donor restricted or restricted by grants as to their use.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTIUED)

Inventories

Inventories of gift shop items are recorded on the lower of cost or market method. Immaterial supplies in the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the governmental-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical costs or estimated costs if historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value when donated. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against the Museum's operations. In the fund financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures upon acquisition.

The Museum maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets.

The useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and building improvements	40 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5-10 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Equipment	5-10 years

Compensated Absences and Pension Liabilities

The Museum recognizes a liability for compensated absences because employees earn leave based on policies established by the Museum, and the Museum is responsible for funding leave payouts. However, the Museum does not report a net pension liability or related deferred items because the West Baton Rouge Parish Council administers the pension plan and reports the related obligations in its financial statements. The Museum reimburses the West Baton Rouge Parish Council for pension contributions, which are reported as expenses in the Museum's financial statements.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTIUED)

Compensated Absences and Pension Liabilities (Continued)

Unused sick leave is paid only upon retirement. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. The liability is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted 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 revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period and thus, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Museum has two items that meet the criterion for this category - property taxes and state revenue sharing. The governmental funds report unavailable revenue from property taxes, state revenue sharing and unfulfilled grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that amounts become available.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Museum has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through March 31, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

On December 31, 2023, the Museum has cash in demand deposit accounts with a book balance of \$4,698.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

On December 31, 2023, the Museum has \$7,037 in deposits (collective bank balances). These deposits are fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

	<u>Book</u>	<u>Bank</u>
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 4,625	\$ 6,964
Restricted	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>
	4,698	<u>\$ 7,037</u>
Petty cash	<u>300</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 4,998</u>	

Investments

Investment balances at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

	<u>Book</u>	<u>Institution</u>
LAMP		
Unrestricted	\$ 625,551	\$ 625,551
Restricted	<u>40,578</u>	<u>40,578</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 666,129</u>	<u>\$ 666,129</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of December 31, 2023, the change in the Museum's investments is reported as follows:

	Change in Investments	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 629,956	\$ 629,956
Add:		
Investment purchases	1,243,173	1,243,173
Subtract:		
Investment sales	(1,207,000)	(1,207,000)
Balance December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 666,129</u>	<u>\$ 666,129</u>

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to an extent practical, invest in a manner consistent with GASB 79. The following facts are relevant for investments pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 70 days as of December 31, 2023.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The LAMP administrative office can be reached at 800-249-5267 for any questions.

(4) RESTRICTED ASSETS

The Museum had the following donor restricted assets at December 31, 2023:

Carruth Foundation	\$ 29,501
Union Pacific	<u>11,150</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 40,651</u></u>

(5) NONCURRENT ASSETS

Museum noncurrent assets consisted of the following:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2023
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,590,114	\$ 66,075	\$ -	\$ 1,656,189
Furniture and equipment	403,564	-	-	403,564
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(746,139)</u>	<u>(57,795)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(803,934)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,247,539</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,280</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,255,819</u></u>
Right-of-use equipment	\$ 5,987	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,987
Less accumulated amortization	<u>(499)</u>	<u>(1,996)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,495)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 5,488</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (1,996)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,492</u></u>

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(6) PENSION PLAN

The Museum employees participate in the Parochial Employees' Retirement System under the umbrella of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council (of which they are a component unit). The Museum's share of the net pension liability, deferred inflow and outflows are included in the West Baton Rouge Parish Council's financial statements. Information specific to the Museum needed to implement these accounting changes was not readily available. As such, the West Baton Rouge Museum did not apply the provisions as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Information related to the participation in the retirement plan can be found in the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council as of December 31, 2023.

The Museum's contributions to the System under Plan A for the years ending December 31, 2023, were \$59,555, equal to the required contributions.

(7) OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Museum does not offer any post-retirement benefits.

(8) LEVIED TAXES

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

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>
Parishwide taxes:		
Museum	2.00	2.00

The gross assessed value for the tax year 2023 on the certified roll was \$798,090,630. After applying homestead exemptions and other reductions of \$54,664,549, the net assessed value upon which the Museum's property tax was computed was \$743,426,081. 2.0 mills is the maximum amount the Museum may legally elect to assess property owners each year. The Museum's management elected to have the Parish assess the maximum millage for tax year 2023. Accordingly, management estimated the initial gross amount of property tax payable, excluding back tax settlements and uncollectible amounts, to the Museum for this fiscal year to approximately \$1,486,852.

Property taxes are considered delinquent if not paid by December 31. Most of the property taxes are collected during the months of December, January, and February. The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff acts as the collecting agent for the Parish's property taxes. The Sheriff will have a "tax sale" each year to collect as much of the taxes due as possible. The tax sale date for West Baton Rouge Parish for the 2023 tax assessment will be in May 2024, and the lien date was December 31, 2023.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(8) LEVIED TAXES (CONTINUED)

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

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

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
The Dow Chemical Co.	Chemical	\$ 167,194,300	20.9%
ExxonMobil Production Co.	Oil Storage	87,030,320	10.9%
Placid Refining Company	Refinery	48,251,320	6.0%
Shell Catalysts	Refinery	41,198,480	5.2%
Total		<u>\$ 343,674,420</u>	<u>43.0%</u>

(9) COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The following is a summary of accumulated leave privileges for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 96,629
Increase (decrease) in accumulated leave	<u>9,351</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 105,980</u>

(10) ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

Because the Museum is one of several governmental agencies receiving proceeds from a property tax assessment, state law (R.S. 11:82) requires the Museum to bear a prorated share of the pension expense relating to state and statewide public retirement systems. The Museum's pro-rata share of the required contribution was \$49,638 that was withheld by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff from property tax collections to satisfy the Museum's obligation. The Sheriff withholds the entire amount of this obligation in January each year even though some of the property taxes may never be collected.

The \$49,638 withheld by the Sheriff has been included as part of "intergovernmental" expenditures of the General Fund in these financial statements.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(11) COMPENSATION PAID TO THE BOARD

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature compensation paid to board members is as follows:

Sue Blanchard	\$	-
Jo Ann Busse, Secretary		-
David Couvillon, Chair		-
Lauren Jung		-
William Kleinpeter, Treasurer		-
Drew Maciasz		-
Scott Rhodes, Vice Chair		-
Lorry Trotter		-
Sadie Payne Woods		-
Chris Kershaw, Ex-officio		-
	<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>

(12) LEASE LIABILITIES

The Museum leases office equipment under an operating lease agreement with Kyocera Document Solutions for a multifunction copier/printer that began in October 2022. The lease agreement does not specify an interest rate. The Museum has estimated lease liability and right-of-use asset using the risk-free rate as of the inception of the lease. The life of the lease is thirty-six months with a minimum lease payment of \$177 per month in addition to charges for printing that are stipulated in the lease. Rental expense for this lease was \$2,125 for the year ended December 31, 2023. At December 31, 2023 the value of the right-of-use asset was \$5,987 and accumulated amortization was \$2,495. A summary of changes in the Museum's lease liabilities during 2023 is as follows:

	December 31, 2022	Additions/ Changes	Retirements/ Payments	December 31, 2023	Due Within One Year
Lease liabilities	\$ 5,516	\$ -	\$ (1,934)	\$ 3,582	\$ 2,015

Principal and interest payments due on lease liabilities over the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 2,015	\$ 110
2025	1,567	27
	<u>\$ 3,582</u>	<u>\$ 137</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(13) RISK MANAGEMENT

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

(14) CORRECTION OF AN ERROR

In prior years, the revenue for ad valorem taxes was not recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting. An entry was made in the current year to correct this error. This resulted in an increase to the beginning fund balance of \$1,228,743.

(15) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The GASB has issued Statement No. 94, “*Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*.” The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that enter into public-private and public-public partnerships (PPPs) and availability payment arrangements (APAs) by enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about PPPs and APAs. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The Statement did not have a material effect on the Museum’s financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 95, “*Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*.” The primary objective of this Statement is to provide temporary relief from certain newer accounting and financial reporting requirements to governments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The effective date of certain Statements and Implementation Guides—through GASB Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates, and Implementation Guide No. 2019-03, Leases—that first became effective or were scheduled to become effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018, and later are deferred by either one year or eighteen months.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(15) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The GASB has issued Statement No. 96, “Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements.” The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by (a) establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs; (b) improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs; and (c) enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about SBITA. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The Statement did not have a material effect on the Museum’s financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 99, “Omnibus 2022”. The Statement addresses three key areas. The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance. The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Statement did not have a material effect on the Museum’s financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 100, “Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62”. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The Museum plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 101, “Compensated Absences”. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The Museum plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE- GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Actual	Adjustment to	Actual	Budget		Variance
	Basis	Budget Basis	(Budgetary Basis)	Original	Final	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>						
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,477,718	\$ -	\$ 1,477,718	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 277,718
State revenue sharing	6,087	-	6,087	5,500	5,500	587
Grants	45,620	-	45,620	21,000	21,000	24,620
Fees and charges	35,112	-	35,112	55,000	55,000	(19,888)
Advertising reimbursement	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Investment earnings	56,732	-	56,732	10,000	10,000	46,732
Total revenues	<u>1,641,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,641,269</u>	<u>1,311,500</u>	<u>1,311,500</u>	<u>329,769</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Culture and recreation						
Salaries and payroll taxes	639,610	-	639,610	588,000	588,000	(51,610)
Fringe	186,922	-	186,922	202,125	202,125	15,203
Travel	24,389	-	24,389	20,000	20,000	(4,389)
Operating services	385,674	2,125 ⁽¹⁾	387,799	328,100	419,745	31,946
Materials and supplies	62,606	-	62,606	81,000	81,000	18,394
Intergovernmental	49,637	-	49,637	40,000	40,000	(9,637)
Capital outlay	66,075	-	66,075	50,000	50,000	(16,075)
Debt service						
Principal	1,934	(1,934) ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-
Interest	191	(191) ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,417,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,417,038</u>	<u>1,309,225</u>	<u>1,400,870</u>	<u>(16,168)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>224,231</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 224,231</u>	<u>\$ 2,275</u>	<u>\$ (89,370)</u>	<u>\$ 313,601</u>
Fund Balance						
Beginning, restated	<u>1,791,771</u>					
Ending	<u>\$ 2,016,002</u>					

Explanation of differences

⁽¹⁾ The Museum budgets for lease payments in operating services.

(See Independent Auditors Report)

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Agency Head Name: Angelique Bergeron

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 105,124
Benefits-Insurance	27,948
Benefits-Medicare	1,510
Benefits-Retirement	<u>12,089</u>
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	<u><u>\$ 146,671</u></u>



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

West Baton Rouge Museum
Port Allen, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of West Baton Rouge Museum, a component unit of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, (Museum) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Museum's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Museum's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Museum's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Museum's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weakness. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and responses* as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiencies.

West Baton Rouge Museum
Port Allen, Louisiana
March 31, 2025

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Museum's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and responses* as item 2023-002.

West Baton Rouge Museum's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the West Baton Rouge Museum's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. West Baton Rouge Museum's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

March 31, 2025
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

SECTION I- SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORT

1. The Independent Auditors' Report expresses a qualified opinion on the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Museum.
2. One significant deficiency in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements was reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. One instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements was reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
4. A management letter was not issued for the year December 31, 2023.

SECTION II – FINDINGS – INTERNAL CONTROL FINDINGS

Significant Deficiencies

Finding 2023-001

Significant Deficiency in Internal Control — Segregation of Duties

Criteria: An important element in designing an internal accounting control system that safeguards assets and reasonably ensures the reliability of the accounting records is the concept of segregation of duties.

Condition: The Museum does not have an adequate segregation of duties at its office. While we recognize that the Museum may not be large enough to permit an adequate segregation of duties for an effective system of internal control procedures, it is important that you be aware of this condition.

Context: No one person should be assigned duties that would allow that person to commit an error or perpetrate fraud and to conceal the error or fraud. For example, the same person should not be responsible for any two of the following functions: (1) authorization of a transaction, (2) recording of the transaction, or (3) custody of assets involved in the transaction.

Potential Effect: Errors or fraud could occur and go undetected.

Recommendation: To the extent possible, the entity should have a proper segregation of duties or compensating mitigating controls.

View of Responsible Official: In response to the segregation of duties, the Museum is a small agency and the cost for hiring additional employees is not beneficial. Controls have been implemented by dividing responsibilities between the employees and the Board reviews the invoices and financial statements.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Compliance Findings

Finding 2023-002 Noncompliance with Louisiana Audit Law Reporting Requirements

Criteria: West Baton Rouge Museum is required to provide an annual financial report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than six months after its fiscal year end in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 25:513 and 24:514.

Condition: West Baton Rouge Museum did not provide an annual financial report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than six months after its fiscal year end.

Effect: West Baton Rouge Museum is not in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and 24:514.

Cause: West Baton Rouge Museum did not have proper procedures in place to ensure compliance with these laws.

Recommendation: West Baton Rouge Museum should put additional policies and procedures in place to ensure that required annual reports are filed in a timely manner.

View of Responsible Officials: In response to the Noncompliance with Louisiana Audit Law Reporting Requirement, the Museum will endeavor to do better.

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

I. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTERNAL CONTROL FINDINGS

Finding 2022-001 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition: The Museum does not have an adequate segregation of duties at its office. While we recognize that the Museum may not be large enough to permit an adequate segregation of duties for an effective system of internal control procedures, it is important that you be aware of this condition.

This finding has not been resolved as of December 31, 2023.



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**WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

April 15, 2025

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

West Baton Rouge Museum respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel, L.L.P.
8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 600
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Engagement Period: January 01, 2023 – December 31, 2023

The findings from the December 31, 2023 schedule of findings and responses are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Significant Deficiency

Finding 2024-001 Segregation of Duties

Recommendation: To the extent possible, the entity should have a proper segregation of duties or compensating mitigating controls.

Views of Responsible Officials: In response to the segregation of duties, the Museum is a small agency and the cost for hiring additional employees is not beneficial. Controls have been implemented by dividing responsibilities between the employees and the Board reviews the invoices and financial statements.

West Baton Rouge Museum

April 15, 2025

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Compliance

Finding 2024-002 Noncompliance with Louisiana Audit Law Reporting Requirements

Recommendation: West Baton Rouge Museum should put additional policies and procedures in place to ensure that required annual reports are filed in a timely manner.

Views of Responsible Officials: In response to the Noncompliance with Louisiana Audit Law Reporting Requirement, the Museum will endeavor to do better.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please call Angelique Bergeron, Executive Director, at 225-336-2422.

Sincerely,

Laura Crook

Signature

Administrative Assistant

Title

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM

PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board and Management of West Baton Rouge Museum and
the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the year ended December 31, 2023. The West Baton Rouge Museum's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

West Baton Rouge Museum has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

Our procedures and associated findings are detailed in Schedule "1".

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

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

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

April 15, 2025
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
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1) WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Procedures: Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:

- a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
- b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
- c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
- d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- e) ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) ***Travel and expense reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

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1) WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

- k) ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Results: The entity's policies and procedures do not include ethics policies concerning the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, system to monitor possible ethics violations, and a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy, information technology disaster recovery/business continuity policies concerning identification of critical data backups, timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event, and all required sexual harassment policies concerning R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for agency responsibilities and prohibitions and annual employee training.

2) BOARD OR FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. **Procedures:** Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

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2) BOARD OR FINANCE COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

- a) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

3) BANK RECONCILIATIONS

A. Procedure: Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged)
- b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
- c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement's closing date, if applicable.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

4) COLLECTIONS (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS)

A. Procedure: Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than five).

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4) COLLECTIONS (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS) (CONTINUED)

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

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4) COLLECTIONS (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS) (CONTINUED)

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

Results: Exception noted. Employees responsible for cash collections do share cash drawers/registers.

5) NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD PURCHASES/PAYMENTS, TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PETTY CASH PURCHASES)

- A. **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than five).
- B. **Procedures:** For each location selected under #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

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5) NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD PURCHASES/PAYMENTS, TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PETTY CASH PURCHASES) (CONTINUED)

C. Procedures: For each location selected under #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select five disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice, and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #5B, as applicable.

D. Procedures: Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was

- a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy,
- b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

6) CREDIT CARDS/DEBIT CARDS/FUEL CARDS/PURCHASE CARDS (CARDS)

A. Procedures: Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

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6) CREDIT CARDS/DEBIT CARDS/FUEL CARDS/PURCHASE CARDS (CARDS)
(CONTINUED)

B. Procedures: Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select five cards (or all cards if less than five) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of the Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

C. Procedures: Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Results: Exceptions noted. Three out of eleven transactions did not have original itemized receipts and/or written documentation of business/public purpose.

7) TRAVEL AND TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD TRANSACTIONS)

A. Procedures: Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select five reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the five reimbursements selected:

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7) TRAVEL AND TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD TRANSACTIONS) (CONTINUED)

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
- c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

8) CONTRACTS

A. Procedures: Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five contracts (or all contracts if less than five) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
- c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g. if approval is required for any amendment was approval documented).
- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the five contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Results: No contracts were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Therefore, this procedure is not applicable.

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9) PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL

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

Results: The entity's employees are reimbursed by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council. Therefore, this procedure was not applicable to the entity.

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10) ETHICS

A. Procedures: Using the five randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #9A under "Payroll and Personnel" above: obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

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

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

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

11) DEBT SERVICE

A. Procedure: Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

B. Procedure: Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Results: No debt instruments were outstanding at the end of the fiscal period; therefore, this procedure is not applicable.

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12) FRAUD NOTICE

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

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

13) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DISASTER RECOVERY/BUSINESS CONTINUITY

- A. Procedures:** Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Procedures:** Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

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13) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DISASTER RECOVERY/BUSINESS CONTINUITY (CONTINUED)

C. Procedures: Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267 . The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Results: We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

14) SEXUAL HARASSMENT

A. Procedures: Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #9A under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

B. Procedure: Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

C. Procedure: Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Results: Exception noted. The entity had not posted its sexual harassment policy and compliant procedure on its website.



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**WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN –
STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

April 15, 2025

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

West Baton Rouge Museum respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for items identified pursuant to the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures prescribed by you.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel, L.L.P.
8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 600
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Engagement Period: January 01, 2023 – December 31, 2023

The exceptions from the statewide agreed-upon procedures report are discussed below:

Written Policies and Procedures

Exceptions: The entity's policies and procedures do not include ethics policies concerning the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, system to monitor possible ethics violations, and a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy, information technology disaster recovery/business continuity policies concerning identification of critical data backups, timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event, and all required sexual harassment policies concerning R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for agency responsibilities and prohibitions and annual employee training..

Collections

Exceptions: Employees responsible for cash collections do share cash drawers/registers.

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

Exceptions: Exceptions noted. Three out of eleven transactions did not have original itemized receipts and/or written documentation of business/public purpose.

Sexual Harassment

Exceptions: The entity had not posted its sexual harassment policy and compliant procedure on its website.

Management's Response to Exceptions: The entity had not posted its sexual harassment policy and compliant procedure on its website. The Museum will make every effort to get this information on the website.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please call Angelique Bergeron, Executive Director, at 225-336-2422.

Sincerely,

Laura Crook

Signature

Administrative Assistant

Title