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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
Charleston, West Virginia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (the Commission) (a component unit of the West Virginia Higher Education Fund) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audits and the reports of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Commission as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of West Virginia Regional Technology Park Corporation (the Corporation), which represent 30%, (184)%, and 3%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the Commission as of June 30, 2024 and 35%, (64)%, and 5%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the Commission as of June 30, 2023. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Corporation, are based solely on the report of such other auditors.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 Commission'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. 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 GAAS 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.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS 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 Commission'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 Commission'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 Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of TRS Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Employer Contributions, Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability, and Schedule of Employer Contributions, as listed in the table of contents, be 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's financial statements. The combining schedule of net position and combining schedule of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position (the Supplementary Information) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 audits 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, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the combining schedule of net position and combining schedule of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2024 on our consideration of the Commission'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 Commission'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 the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. That report does not include consideration of the internal controls over financial reporting for the West Virginia Regional Technology Park Corporation, which was audited by other auditors.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
October 15, 2024

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is required supplementary information and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Standards.

The following discussion and analysis of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission's (the Commission) financial statements provides an overview of its financial activities for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, with a primary focus on the current year. Three years of comparative data are provided for discussion and analysis purposes. There are three financial statements presented: the statement of net position, the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and the statement of cash flows.

Statement of Net Position

The statement of net position presents the assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and net position of the Commission as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. The statement of net position is a point of time financial statement. The purpose of the statement of net position is to present to the readers of the financial statements a fiscal snapshot of the Commission. The statement of net position presents end-of-year data concerning Assets (current and noncurrent), Deferred Outflows, Liabilities (current and noncurrent), Deferred Inflows, and Net Position (assets and deferred outflows minus liabilities and deferred inflows).

From the data presented, readers of the statement of net position are able to determine the resources available to continue the operations of the Commission. They are also able to determine how much the Commission owes vendors, employees and lending institutions as well as the amount of deferred inflows and outflows. Finally, the statement of net position provides a picture of the net position (assets and deferred outflows minus liabilities and deferred inflows).

Net position is divided into three major categories. The first category, net investment in capital assets provides the Commission's equity in land, buildings, furniture, and equipment owned by the Commission, net of any related debt. The next net position category is restricted, which is divided into two categories, nonexpendable and expendable. The nonexpendable restricted category is used for an endowment program where funds are invested and the earnings are available for expenditure but the original principal is not. The Commission does not use the nonexpendable category because it does not have an endowment program. The expendable restricted category reflects amounts that are available for expenditure by the Commission but have a specific purpose. The final category is unrestricted. The unrestricted category is used to record amounts that are available to be used for any lawful purpose of the Commission. The deficit is primarily attributable to the 2004, 2007, 2010, 2012 and the two 2017 bond issuances proceeds which were transferred to the Institutions for their capital projects without any assets being received by the Commission in return.

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Statement of Net Position (Continued)

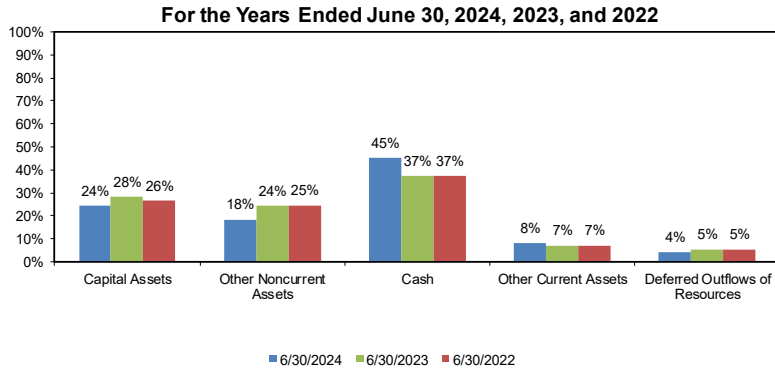
Condensed Statements of Net Position
(in thousands of dollars)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>(as Restated)</u>
Assets			
Current Assets	\$ 136,600	\$ 90,512	\$ 107,434
Other Noncurrent Assets	47,325	56,498	62,984
Capital Assets, Net	<u>62,198</u>	<u>62,705</u>	<u>63,297</u>
Total Assets	246,123	209,715	233,715
Deferred Outflows	<u>10,531</u>	<u>11,880</u>	<u>12,946</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	<u>\$ 256,654</u>	<u>\$ 221,595</u>	<u>\$ 246,661</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	\$ 33,232	\$ 33,096	\$ 32,933
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>247,887</u>	<u>270,978</u>	<u>292,686</u>
Total Liabilities	281,119	304,074	325,619
Deferred Inflows	6,801	7,695	7,406
Net Position			
Invested in Capital Assets	53,937	50,325	57,022
Restricted - Expendable	114,719	67,610	57,926
Restricted - Nonexpendable			
Unrestricted	<u>(199,922)</u>	<u>(208,109)</u>	<u>(228,048)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>(31,266)</u>	<u>(90,174)</u>	<u>(113,100)</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position	<u>\$ 256,654</u>	<u>\$ 221,595</u>	<u>\$ 219,925</u>

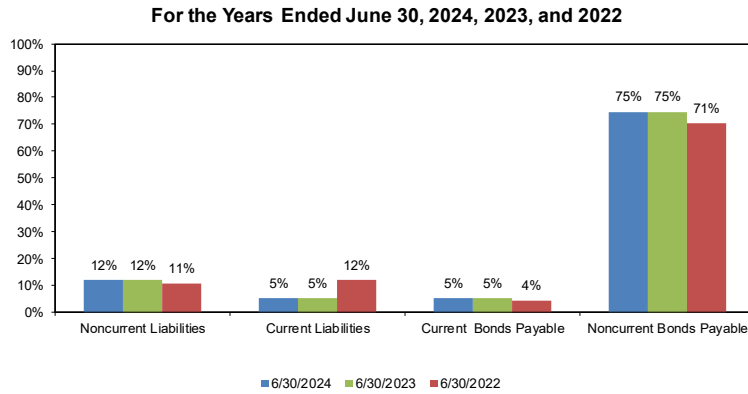
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Statement of Net Position (Continued)

Assets and Deferred Outflows Composition



Liabilities Composition



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Statement of Net Position (Continued)

Major items of note in the statements of net position include:

- As of June 30, 2024, the Commission's financial statements reflect a receivable from the higher education institutions (an internal obligation) related to principal payments owed by the Commission on system-wide debt obligations that were issued on behalf of the University and College Systems before the 2004 issuance. Prior to fiscal year 2002, the system debt had been reflected solely as an obligation of the Commission and the requirement of the institutions to contribute funds to repay this debt was disclosed in a footnote. The internal assignment of this liability was shown as a transfer in the statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position during fiscal year 2002. On the statement of net position as of June 30, 2024, a receivable has been recorded for Institutional obligations totaling \$26.2 million out of the total amount due from Institutions of \$30.4 million as compared to \$55.1 million in debt including outstanding University System Bonds of \$22.1 million plus future interest payable of \$28.9 million, but not including bond premiums. As discussed later, the Commission debt for bonds issued in fiscal year 2005 (2004 Series B Bonds), fiscal year 2009 (2009 Series A Bonds), and fiscal year 2011 (2010 Series A, B, and C Bonds) and fiscal year 2012 (Series A and B Bonds) is not allocated to the Institutions as the funding will be forthcoming from excess Lottery Commission proceeds.
- As of June 30, 2024, total current assets of \$136.6 million exceeded total current liabilities of \$33.2 million. As of June 30, 2023, total current assets of \$90.5 million exceeded total current liabilities of \$33.1 million. As of June 30, 2022, total current assets of \$107.6 million exceeded total current liabilities of \$59.8 million. By the nature of the Commission, significant funds flow through the operations reported in these financial statements with further distribution to the West Virginia public institutions in subsequent years based on the decisions of the Commission.
 - Current cash balances at June 30, 2024 were \$115.7 million compared to cash balances as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 of \$72.4 million and \$90.0 million, respectively.
 - Current receivables from the Institutions totaled approximately \$7.3 million as of June 30, 2024, and \$7.1 million and \$6.9 million as of June 30, 2023, and 2022, respectively. These receivables primarily represent the Institutions' current obligations for principal payments to be paid on the University and College system-wide bond obligations.

Current liabilities total \$33.2 million, \$33.1 million, and \$59.8 million as of June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. Accounts payable decreased \$402,825, and the current portion of bonds payable increased \$657,352. In addition, the amounts due to institutions and affiliates increased \$362,746. The current portion of notes payable decreased \$46,490.

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Statement of Net Position (Continued)

- As of June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, noncurrent assets totaled \$109.5 million, \$119.2 million, and \$126.3 million, respectively.
 - Except for capital assets, the most significant portion of noncurrent assets are the receivables from the Institutions that are primarily related to the University and College system-wide bonds. These obligations totaled \$23.1 million as of June 30, 2024 compared to \$30.4 million at June 30, 2023 and \$35.9 million at June 30, 2022. The other amounts due from Institutions reflect the advances made to certain Institutions.
 - Noncurrent cash totaled \$13.7 million as of June 30, 2024, compared to \$13.3 million as of June 30, 2023 and \$14.0 million as of June 30, 2022.
- The primary noncurrent liability represents the actual system-wide bonds outstanding, as further described in Note 9 to the financial statements. At June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 noncurrent bonds payable totaled \$214.2 million, \$233.0 million, and \$251.2 million, respectively, plus future interest payable on bonds of \$23.6 million as of June 30, 2024, \$26.3 million as of June 30, 2023, and \$28.6 million as of June 30, 2022. The future interest includes payments, which commenced in FY 2014 and are classified as a current liability. In FY 2024, FY 2023, and FY 2022, the related current liability is \$5.3 million, \$5.2 million, and \$5.0 million, respectively.
- Total net position of the Commission was a deficit of \$31.3 million, \$90.2 million, and \$113.2 million, as of June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.
 - Net investment in capital assets of \$53.9 million is primarily the capital assets of the West Virginia Regional Technology Park.

The unrestricted net deficit of \$199.9 million is primarily because of bonds outstanding where the funds were provided to the institutions for capital additions, but the repayments will be made from excess Lottery funds, if available.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Changes in total net position as presented on the statement of net position are based on the activity presented in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. The purpose of the statement is to present the revenues of the Commission, both operating and nonoperating, and the expenses of the Commission, operating and nonoperating, and any other revenues, expenses, gains, and losses of the Commission.

Operating revenues are fees from the Institutions that the Commission by statute can assess them to support the Commission's operations and various initiatives. Additional operating revenue comes from the sale of various services to public and private higher education institutions, public and private K-12, and other state government agencies. Revenue is also received in the form of federal and state grants. Operating expenses are those expenses incurred in the form of staff salaries, benefits and various goods and services to carry out the mission of the Commission. Revenues for which goods and services are not provided are reported as nonoperating revenues. For example, state appropriations are nonoperating because they are provided by the Legislature to the Commission without the Legislature directly receiving commensurate goods and services for those revenues.

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
(in thousands of dollars)

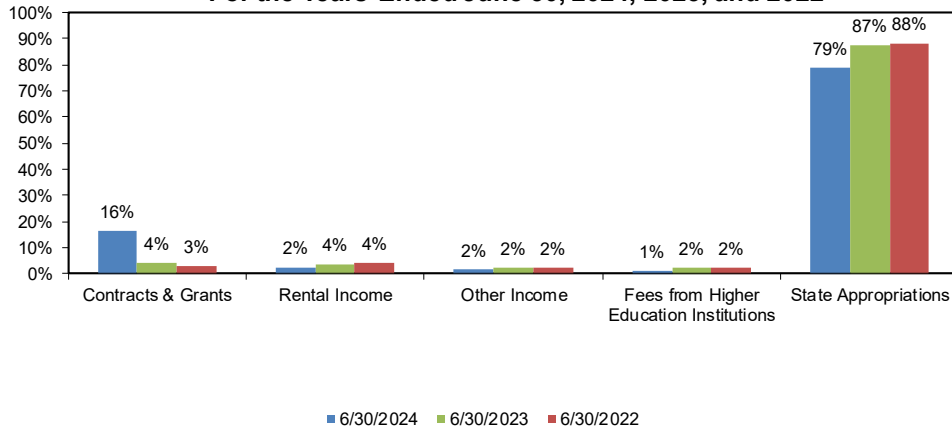
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>(as Restated)</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 64,777	\$ 19,242	\$ 16,677
Operating Expenses	<u>30,179</u>	<u>29,936</u>	<u>26,623</u>
Operating Loss	34,598	(10,694)	(9,946)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	<u>67,170</u>	<u>33,409</u>	<u>28,247</u>
Gain Before Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains, Losses, or Transfers	101,768	22,715	18,301
Capital Payments and Transfers to Institutions and Outside Entities	<u>(42,860)</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>(1,381)</u>
Increase in Net Position	58,908	22,926	16,920
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(90,174)</u>	<u>(113,100)</u>	<u>(130,020)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ (31,266)</u>	<u>\$ (90,174)</u>	<u>\$ (113,100)</u>

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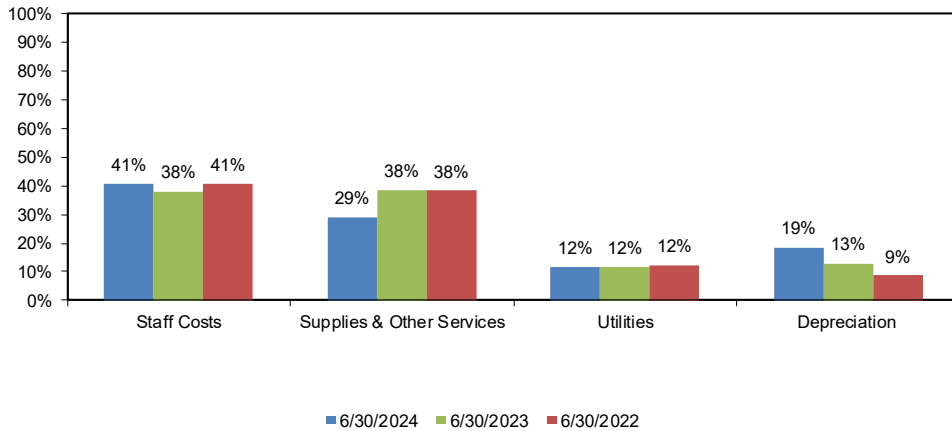
Total Revenues

For the Years Ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022



Total Operating Expenses

For the Years Ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022



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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (Continued)

Major items of note in the statements of revenue, expenses, and change in net position include:

- Operating revenues of the Commission totaled \$64.8 million in FY 2024 compared to \$19.2 million in FY 2023 and \$16.7 million in FY 2022.
 - The amount of fees collected from higher education institutions for the operations of the Commission totaled about \$3.4 million for FY 2024, \$3.1 million for FY 2023, and \$3.8 million for FY 2022.
 - Federal, state, and local grants totaled \$49.3 million in FY 2024 compared to \$6.3 million in FY 2023 and \$4.3 million in FY 2022.
 - Rental income was \$7.5 million, \$5.8 million, and \$5.8 million in FY 2024, FY 2023, and FY 2022, respectively, and is received from tenants occupying space within the West Virginia Regional Technology Park. Lease and service revenues are from four major tenants. The increase in rental income is due to additional space occupied by existing tenants and additional revenues received from new tenants.
- Operating expenses totaled \$30.2 million in FY 2024, \$29.9 million in FY 2023, and \$26.9 million in FY 2022. During FY 2024, supplies and other services as well as utility expenses increased over previous years. These increases were offset by savings realized from vacant positions and significant reduction in the OPEB liability.
- Net nonoperating revenue of \$67.2 million in FY 2024 compared to \$33.4 million in FY 2023 and \$28.2 million in FY 2022.
 - State general revenue and lottery appropriations were \$237.2 million in FY 2024 compared to \$128.0 million in FY 2023 and \$128.3 million in FY 2022.
 - Expenditures for student financial aid and other payments to institutions totaled \$166.5 million in FY 2024 compared to \$108.9 million in FY 2023 and \$124.0 million in FY 2022. In FY24, additional State appropriations were made to institutions to support the Higher Education Grant program of \$40 million and the newly established College Access Grant in the amount of \$11.2 million. In FY 2022, the Commission expended \$31.4 million to pay for COVID related expenses that were funded through federal revenues.
 - Interest on indebtedness declined from \$15.0 million in FY 2023 to \$13.4 million in FY 2024.

Statement of Cash Flows

The final statement presented by the Commission is the statement of cash flows. The statement of cash flows presents detailed information about the cash activity of the Commission during the year.

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Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

The statement is divided into five parts. The first section deals with operating cash flows and shows the net cash provided or used by the operating activities of the Commission. The second section reflects cash flows from noncapital financing activities. This section reflects the cash received and spent for nonoperating, noninvesting, and noncapital financing purposes. The third section deals with cash flows from capital and related financing activities. This section deals with the cash used for the acquisition and construction of capital and related items. The fourth section reflects the cash flows from investing activities and shows the purchases, proceeds, and interest received from investing activities. The fifth part reconciles the net cash used in operating activities to the operating income or loss reflected on the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands of dollars)

	2024	2023	2022 (as Restated)
Cash Provided (Used) by:			
Operating Activities	\$ 39,326	\$ (6,438)	\$ (6,453)
Noncapital Financing Activities	70,363	12,486	65,841
Capital Financing Activities	(70,246)	(25,912)	(25,673)
Investing Activities	3,848	2,256	74
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	43,291	(17,608)	33,789
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	72,372	89,980	56,191
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u>\$ 115,663</u>	<u>\$ 72,372</u>	<u>\$ 89,980</u>

Major items of note in the cash flow statement include:

- Net cash used by operating activities in FY 2024, FY 2023, and FY 2022, was \$39.4 million, (\$6.4) million, and (\$6.5) million, respectively. Major reconciling items in all fiscal years from the operating loss reported on the statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position include depreciation expense and fluctuations in accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities.
- Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities in FY 2024, FY 2023, and FY 2022, was \$70.3 million, \$12.5 million, and \$63.8 million, respectively. Noncapital financing sources and uses of funds include state appropriations, receipts for fiduciary governmental entities and disbursements to fiduciary governmental entities and payments to institutions.
- Net cash used in capital financing activities totaled (\$70.2) million, \$25.9 million, and \$25.6 million, in FY 2024, FY 2023, and FY 2022, respectively. Capital payments to institutions, purchases of capital assets, disbursements of bond principal and interest payments were offset by the receipt of bond proceeds and capital grants.
- Net cash provided by investing activities totaled \$3.8 million in FY 2024, \$2.3 million in FY 2023, and \$74,000 in FY 2022.
- Total cash increased by \$43.2 million, decreased by \$17.6 million, and increased \$33.8 million in FY 2024, FY 2023, and FY 2022, respectively, ending the years at \$115.7 million at June 30, 2024, \$72.4 million at June 30, 2023, and \$90.0 million at June 30, 2022.

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Long-Term Debt Activity

On November 7, 2017, the Commission issued Series 2017 West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Community and Technical Colleges Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds to advance refund the outstanding principal amount of the state of West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Community and Technical Colleges Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2009 Series A and to provide funds to finance the acquisition, construction, equipping or improvement of community and technical college facilities located in the state of West Virginia. The bonds refunded \$66,340,000 in outstanding 2009 Series A bonds.

On December 21, 2017, the Commission issued the state of West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Revenue Refunding Bonds (Higher Education Facilities Series 2017). The bonds were issued to provide funds to advance refund the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Revenue Bonds (Higher Education Facilities) 2007 Series A bonds (the 2007 Series A Bonds), and a portion of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Revenue Bonds (Higher Education Facilities) 2010 Series A bonds (the 2010 Series A Bonds) to reduce debt service payments and to pay the costs associated with the bonds. The bonds refunded and defeased the \$15,765,000 in outstanding 2007 Series A Bonds and \$12,880,000 of the 2010 Series A Bonds.

On June 26, 2012, the Commission issued \$132,165,000 of Series A Bonds and \$11,130,550 of Series B Bonds to refund \$124,585,000 of Series 2004B Revenue Bonds. The savings in annual payment and transfers from the Series 2004B Revenue Bonds construction fund netted approximately \$8 million for additional capital projects. The annual debt service for the 2012 bonds and the remaining 2004B Bonds is equal to that of the 2004B bonds before the refunding. On December 17, 2010, the Commission issued \$16,520,000 of Series A Bonds, \$50,265,000 of Series B Bonds, and \$10,080,000 of Series C Bonds. State Lottery proceeds of a maximum of \$20,000,000 per year are used to pay bond debt service. In addition to the Lottery revenues, registration and tuition fees and educational and general capital fees collected at the institutions (Universities and Colleges) from students are used for the Commission's bond indebtedness.

The Commission made all required debt service payments and repaid principal of \$17.6 million in FY 2024, \$17.4 million in FY 2023, and \$15.8 million in FY 2022, respectively, related to the bonds outstanding. See Notes 7 and 8 to the financial statements for further detail of long-term debt.

Other Factors Impacting the Financial Position and Results of Operations of the Commission

The Commission in partnership with the West Virginia Community and Technical College System and the West Virginia Department of Education is sponsoring the West Virginia Climb campaign. The goal of the campaign is to have 60% of the state's workforce with a formal education credential beyond high school by the year 2030. Achievement of the goal would double the percentage of working age West Virginians with a high-quality postsecondary credential. It is estimated that 60% of working West Virginians will need a certificate or degree in order to meet future workforce demands.

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**Other Factors Impacting the Financial Position and Results of Operations of the Commission
(Continued)**

The achievement of the West Virginia Climb goal for the higher education system is dependent upon many factors, one of which is adequate resources to implement the strategies necessary to achieve the goals. At the present time, the Commission itself maintains a strong financial condition. Although the net position of the Commission is reported as a deficit of \$90.2 million, \$31.5 million of future interest payable on the 2000 Series A Bonds (repayment on these bonds began during FY 2014) and the \$86.3 million of debt on the 2012 Series A and B Bonds will be paid by Lottery Commission excess proceeds, if available. In addition, \$58.4 million of debt on 2017 Series Community and Technical College Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds will be paid by the Lottery Commission excess proceeds, if available, and \$50.2 million of debt on the 2010 Series A and B Facilities Bonds will also be paid by the Lottery Commission excess proceeds, if available. In the event that excess Lottery Commission proceeds are not available, the Institutions will be responsible for providing the moneys for repayment of the debt except on the 2017 Community and Technical College Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds Series A. The vast majority of the funding that is reported in the financial statements of the Commission is ultimately assigned to the public higher education institutions in the state for capital projects, grants, scholarships, and special projects. This funding is critical to the success of the higher education system in meeting the compact goals.

The Commission entered into an agreement on February 25, 2011 with the Union Carbide Corporation (UCC), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) for the donation of property known as Union Carbide Corporation's Technology Park in the City of South Charleston, County of Kanawha, and state of West Virginia. This property consists of 258 acres, several major buildings, and infrastructure. On December 15, 2011, the deed for the property transferred to the Commission. The Commission has opened the Tech Park to other business to enhance economic development opportunities. Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College has relocated their campus to the site with the renovation of one of the existing buildings and there and an Advanced Technology Center for community college technical training and education was completed. The net value of the capital gifts of equipment and buildings was \$21.0 million, which was recognized in FY 2012.

Economic Outlook

For FY 2026, the Governor asked state agencies, including public higher education, to submit appropriation requests equal to the fiscal year 2025 amounts. The FY 2025 state appropriations during the 2024 regular legislative session for higher education did not change significantly compared to the previous year.

During the 2023 Regular Session, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law, House Bill 2024, which included the appropriation of money into the Governor's Civil Contingent Fund to be used for the purpose of providing grants to address deferred maintenance issues at the State's higher education institutions. The phased funding of deferred maintenance to the Commission began in FY 2024 and was then subsequently disbursed to the State's higher education institutions. As of June 30, 2024, \$170 million in deferred maintenance grant projects have been approved and \$43 million of funds have been received by the Commission and disbursed to the institutions of higher education.

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Economic Outlook (Continued)

A new funding formula, effective for FY 2024, was developed collaboratively by the West Virginia Legislature, the Higher Education Policy Commission, and the State's institutions of higher education. This model uses data to objectively calculate and propose annual state appropriations for institutions. It aims to reward colleges and universities that emphasize helping students, especially those who are low-income or underprepared, complete their degrees on time. The focus is on degrees that are state priorities for workforce development, such as engineering, health care, social work, education, computer science, and transportation. This model also includes an inflationary adjustment that increases or decreases with the most recent Higher Education Price Index (HEPI). The Commission will recommend funding changes to the Legislature based on performance results within this model, but it is ultimately up to the Legislature to enact any changes.

In April 2024, Governor Jim Justice declared a state of emergency for state colleges and universities due to the federal government's delayed rollout of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To help state institutions manage the impact, the Governor proposed Senate Bill 1007, which the Legislature passed during the May 2024 special session. The bill created three one-time appropriations totaling \$83.2 million. From these funds, the Commission will provide \$32 million to support the operations of the State's higher education institutions, \$40 million to increase the needs-based Higher Education Grant Program (HEGP), and \$11.2 million to the newly established College Access Emergency Grant Program.

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	2024	2023
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 115,663,668	\$ 72,373,078
Appropriations Due from Primary Government	5,678,988	3,752,309
Accounts Receivable - Net	4,789,031	4,288,577
Leased Asset Receivable	1,345,413	1,288,730
Interest Receivable	1,413,200	1,251,745
Prepaid Expense	360,800	446,203
Receivable from Institution - Current Portion	7,348,529	7,111,177
Total Current Assets	136,599,629	90,511,819
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13,741,851	13,299,335
Accounts Receivable	2,388,971	2,554,416
Leased Asset Receivable	3,773,513	5,196,684
Receivable from Institutions	23,113,019	30,361,547
Net OPEB Asset	206,214	-
Right-of-Use Leased Assets - Net	17,128	297,294
Right-of-Use SBITA Assets - Net	4,084,571	4,788,954
Capital Assets - Net	62,197,862	62,704,972
Total Noncurrent Assets	109,523,129	119,203,202
Total Assets	246,122,758	209,715,021
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Loss on Refunding	10,319,014	11,419,957
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	115,086	345,154
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	96,887	115,340
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	10,530,987	11,880,451
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 256,653,745	\$ 221,595,472

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,541,508	\$ 1,944,333
Amounts Due to Institutions and Affiliates	1,639,001	1,276,255
Accrued Liabilities	659,820	647,767
Deposits	-	134,485
Unearned Revenue - Services	-	110,200
Compensated Absences - Current Portion	770,105	652,927
Interest Payable	8,790,131	8,907,273
Lease Liability - Current Portion	3,868	288,664
Notes Payable - Current Portion	603,675	650,165
SBITA Liability - Current Portion	1,993,061	1,910,517
Bonds Payable - Current Portion	17,230,528	16,573,176
Total Current Liabilities	33,231,697	33,095,762
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Compensated Absences	267,284	283,792
Future Interest Payable	23,565,972	26,255,607
Net Pension Liability	254,170	259,856
Net OPEB Liability	-	142,756
Lease Obligation	13,316	-
Notes Payable	7,527,418	8,127,057
SBITA Liability	2,104,288	2,877,379
Bonds Payable	214,154,591	233,031,799
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	247,887,039	270,978,246
Total Liabilities	281,118,736	304,074,008
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	260,081	607,612
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	79,323	119,519
Deferred Inflows Related to Leases	6,461,461	6,968,203
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	6,800,865	7,695,334
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	287,919,601	311,769,342
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	53,937,438	50,325,289
Restricted - Expendable	114,718,777	67,609,634
Unrestricted	(199,922,071)	(208,108,793)
Total Net Position	(31,265,856)	(90,173,870)
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	\$ 256,653,745	\$ 221,595,472

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Institutional Collections	\$ 3,396,589	\$ 3,118,342
Contracts and Grants:		
Federal	4,740,746	4,887,256
State	44,551,344	1,076,657
Private	46,500	364,500
Rental Income	7,480,992	5,755,382
Sales and Services of Educational Activities	4,085,087	3,516,107
Miscellaneous - Net	475,281	522,782
Total Operating Revenues	<u>64,776,539</u>	<u>19,241,026</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and Wages	10,203,800	9,600,311
Benefits	2,019,205	1,803,954
Supplies and Other Services	8,805,510	11,506,709
Utilities	3,547,563	3,465,273
Depreciation and Amortization	5,602,941	3,559,344
Total Operating Expenses	<u>30,179,019</u>	<u>29,935,591</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	34,597,520	(10,694,565)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
State Appropriations	185,202,160	76,067,275
State Lottery Appropriations	52,024,142	52,013,911
Investment Gain	3,997,625	2,470,481
Payments Made on Behalf of the Commission	71,263	268,509
Institutional Debt Service Payments from Institutions:		
Interest	6,364,348	6,486,355
Other	464,763	456,239
Interest	(13,404,066)	(15,035,662)
Student Financial Aid and Other Payments to Institutions	(166,473,038)	(108,867,887)
Federal Revenue	(274,713)	16,391,113
Other Nonoperating Revenues - Net	(802,253)	3,159,116
Net Nonoperating Revenues	<u>67,170,231</u>	<u>33,409,450</u>
INCOME BEFORE OTHER REVENUES, EXPENSES, GAINS, LOSSES, OR TRANSFERS	101,767,751	22,714,885
CAPITAL PAYMENTS AND TRANSFERS TO INSTITUTIONS AND OUTSIDE ENTITIES	<u>(42,859,737)</u>	<u>211,245</u>
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	58,908,014	22,926,130
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(90,173,870)</u>	<u>(113,100,000)</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (31,265,856)</u>	<u>\$ (90,173,870)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Institutional Collections	\$ 3,189,975	\$ 2,340,745
Contracts and Grants	49,267,119	6,471,245
Payments to and on Behalf of Employees	(12,611,384)	(12,491,803)
Payments to Suppliers	(8,975,209)	(11,255,088)
Payments to Utilities	(3,284,972)	(3,353,134)
Rental Income Receipts	7,244,369	7,794,136
Sales and Service of Educational Activities	4,017,983	3,515,551
Other	477,769	540,000
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	39,325,650	(6,438,348)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State Appropriations	235,299,623	128,280,013
Federal COVID Revenues	(274,713)	(10,365,838)
Payments to Institutions	(164,662,231)	(105,428,107)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	70,362,679	12,486,068
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from Debt Issuances	-	811,252
Institutional Receipts for Debt Service	13,014,678	13,004,538
Purchases of Capital Assets	(6,394,015)	(3,919,249)
Principal Paid on Bonds, Leases and Subscriptions	(17,535,204)	(17,779,827)
Interest Paid on Bonds, Leases and Subscriptions	(16,001,702)	(17,048,518)
Principal Paid on Notes	(646,129)	(591,568)
Interest Paid on Notes	(209,140)	(218,660)
Capital Payments and Transfers to Institutions and Outside Entities	(42,859,737)	(175,482)
Capital Loans to Institutions	-	(1,550,000)
Capital Loan Repayments from Institutions	828,000	808,367
Deposits to Noncurrent Cash and Cash Equivalents	(20,383,065)	(20,223,819)
Withdrawals from Noncurrent Cash and Cash Equivalents	19,940,547	20,971,304
Net Cash Used by Capital Financing Activities	(70,245,767)	(25,911,662)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Investment Income	3,848,028	2,256,179
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	3,848,028	2,256,179
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	43,290,590	(17,607,763)
Current Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	72,373,078	89,980,841
CURRENT CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 115,663,668	\$ 72,373,078

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**WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 34,597,520	\$ (10,694,565)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	5,602,941	3,761,401
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivables - Net	(112,046)	1,321,184
Prepaid Expenses	85,403	(196,394)
Lease Receivable	(428,297)	(1,155,728)
Accounts Payable	(146,008)	246,032
Amounts due to Institutions and Affiliates	(67,104)	(59,172)
Accrued Liabilities	12,054	(332,750)
Other Postemployment Benefit Related Amounts	(348,970)	180,146
Defined Benefit Pension Related Amounts	(144,892)	(910,213)
Compensated Absences	100,670	(35,381)
Other Assets	-	140,461
Deposits Held in Custody for Others	(134,485)	131,065
Unearned Revenue	(110,200)	(81,165)
Deferred Inflows	419,064	1,246,731
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 39,325,650	\$ (6,438,348)
SIGNIFICANT NONCASH TRANSACTIONS		
Capital Transfers to Institutions Included in Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses Paid on Behalf of the Commission	\$ 71,262	\$ 268,509
Assets Acquired Through Lease and Subscription Arrangements	\$ 1,459,308	\$ 2,504,907

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

On March 19, 2000, the West Virginia Legislature enacted Senate Bill No. 653 (S.B. 653), which restructured public higher education in West Virginia.

S.B. 653 also created the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (governing board) which is responsible for developing, gaining consensus around, and overseeing the implementation and development of a higher education public policy agenda except for those institutions covered by Senate Bill No. 448. The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (entity) (the Commission) consists of two divisions. The first division encompasses the administrative functions and the second division accounts for the West Virginia Network for Educational Telecommuting (WVNET). Oversight of WVNET lies with the administrative division. WVNET was originally created in 1975 to provide central computing facilities and wide-area network communications services as a resource for the public colleges and universities in the state of West Virginia (the State).

On March 12, 2011, the West Virginia Legislature enacted Senate Bill 484, which allowed for the creation of a management organization for the oversight of day-to-day operations at the WV Regional Technology Park (Tech Park) which was created by the gift of the former Union Carbide Corporation Tech Center to the Commission. WV Regional Technology Park Corp. (the Corporation or WVRTC) was incorporated under the laws of the state as a nonprofit, nonstock corporation on April 13, 2011. The Commission transferred the Tech Park property to the Corporation on July 1, 2011. The Commission maintains title and is the owner to the land, buildings, and improvements that comprise the Tech Park. The Corporation is included in the financial statements as a blended component unit.

Each Institutional Governing Board (all institutions, the Commission, and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (the Council) comprise the West Virginia Higher Education Fund, (the Fund) has certain powers and duties, including, but not limited to, the power to determine, control, supervise, and manage the financial, business, and educational policies and affairs of the institution(s) under its jurisdiction; the duty to develop a master plan for the institution; the power to prescribe the specific functions and institution's budget request; the duty to review, at least every five years, all academic programs offered at the institution; and the power to fix tuition and other fees for the different classes or categories of students enrolled at the institution(s).

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as prescribed by GASB standards. The financial statement presentation required by GASB provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the Commission's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, revenues, expenses, changes in net position, and cash flows.

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JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Reporting Entity

The Commission is a statutory entity and component unit of the West Virginia Higher Education Fund and represents separate funds of the state that are not included in the state's general fund. The Commission is a separate entity, which along with all state institutions of higher education and the Council, forms the West Virginia Higher Education Fund of the State. The West Virginia Higher Education Fund is considered a component unit of the state and its financial statements are discretely presented in the state's comprehensive annual financial report.

The accompanying financial statements present all funds under the authority of the Commission, including the Corporation, which is a statutory entity and a blended component unit of the Commission. The basic criteria for inclusion in the accompanying financial statements is the exercise of oversight responsibility derived from the Commission's ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters of the Corporation.

Financial Statement Presentation

GASB establishes standards for external financial reporting for public colleges and universities and requires that financial statements be presented on a basis to focus on the Commission as a whole. Net position is classified into four categories according to external donor restrictions or availability of assets for satisfaction of Commission obligations. The Commission's net position is classified as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This represents the Commission's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding debt obligations related to capital assets, including those on individual institutions' financial statements. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets.

Restricted Net Position – Expendable – This includes resources in which the Commission is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

The West Virginia Legislature, as a regulatory body outside the reporting entity, has restricted the use of certain funds by Article 10, *Fees and Other Money Collected at State Institutions of Higher Education*, of the West Virginia State Code (the Code). House Bill No. 101, passed in March 2004, simplified the tuition and fee restrictions to auxiliaries and capital items. These activities are fundamental to the normal ongoing operations of the related institutions. These restrictions are subject to change by future actions of the West Virginia Legislature. The Commission does not have any such Code-restricted net position at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

**WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
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JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Restricted Net Position – Nonexpendable – This includes endowment and similar type funds in which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to principal. There was no nonexpendable net position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Unrestricted Net Position – Unrestricted net position represents liabilities in excess of resources derived from student tuition and fees, state appropriations, and sales and services of educational activities. The deficit will be funded by future amounts to be received from the Lottery Commission if such excess funds are available, or are to be billed to institutions in future years.

Basis of Accounting

For financial reporting purposes, the Commission is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the Commission's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting with a flow of economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses when materials or services are received. All interdivision accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of net position, the Commission considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Cash and cash equivalents balances on deposit with the State of West Virginia Treasurer's Office (the State Treasurer) are pooled by the State Treasurer with other available funds of the State for investment purposes by the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments (BTI). These funds are transferred to the BTI, and the BTI is directed by the State Treasurer to invest the funds in specific external investment pools in accordance with the Code, policies set by the BTI, provisions of bond indentures, and the trust agreements when applicable. Balances in the investment pools are recorded at fair value or amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Fair value is determined by a third-party pricing service based on asset portfolio pricing models and other sources in accordance with GASB. The BTI was established by the State Legislature and is subject to oversight by the State Legislature. Fair value and investment income are allocated to participants in the pools based upon the funds that have been invested. The amounts on deposit are available for immediate withdrawal or on the first day of each month for the WV Short Term Bond Pool and, accordingly, are presented as cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying financial statements.

**WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)

The BTI maintains the Consolidated Fund investment fund, which consists of eight investment pools and participant-directed accounts, three of which the Commission may invest in. These pools have been structured as multi-participant variable net position funds to reduce risk and offer investment liquidity diversification to the Fund participants. Funds not required to meet immediate disbursement needs are invested for longer periods. A more detailed discussion of the BTI's investment operations pool can be found in its annual audited financial report. A copy of that annual report can be obtained from the following address: 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Room E-122, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, or <http://www.wvbtj.com>.

Appropriations Due from Primary Government

For financial reporting purposes, appropriations due from the state are presented separate from cash and cash equivalents, as amounts are not specific deposits with the State Treasurer but are obligations of the state.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

It is the Commission's policy to provide for future losses on uncollectible accounts, contracts, grants, and loans receivable based on an evaluation of the underlying account; contract, grant, and loan balances; the historical collectability experienced by the Commission on such balances; and such other factors which, in the Commission's judgment, require consideration in estimating doubtful accounts.

Noncurrent Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents that are (1) externally restricted to make debt service payments and long-term loans to students, or to maintain sinking or reserve funds, (2) to purchase capital or other noncurrent assets or settle long-term liabilities for the Commission or any of its institutions, and (3) restricted nonexpendable net position, are classified as noncurrent assets in the accompanying statements of net position. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, there was no restricted nonexpendable net position or cash and cash equivalents.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include buildings, software, intangibles, and furniture and equipment. Capital assets are stated at cost at the date of acquisition or construction, or acquisition value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. Depreciation or amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 3 to 7 years for software and intangibles; 3 to 10 years for furniture and equipment; 15 years for land improvements, and 30 years for buildings. The Commission uses a capitalization policy of \$5,000.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Lease and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) Assets

Lease assets include equipment as well as certain operating and office facilities for various terms under long-term, non-cancelable lease agreements. SBITA assets include various software used for educational and administrative purposes for various terms under long-term, noncancelable agreements. Leases and SBITAs are initially measured as the sum of the present value of payments expected to be made during the term, payments associated with the contract made to the vendor at the commencement of the contractual term, when applicable, and capitalizable implementation costs, less any vendor incentives received from the vendor at the commencement of the contractual term. Amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the term of the agreement. The Commission uses a capitalization policy of \$5,000.

Unearned Revenue

Cash received for programs or activities to be conducted primarily in the next fiscal year are classified as unearned revenue.

Compensated Absences and Other Postemployment Benefits

GASB provides standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) expenditures, assets, and liabilities, including applicable note disclosures and required supplementary information. During fiscal year 2006, House Bill No. 4654 was established to create a trust fund for OPEB for the state. Effective July 1, 2007, the Commission was required to participate in this multiple employer cost-sharing plan, the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund, sponsored by the state. Details regarding this plan and the stand-alone financial statements can be obtained by contacting West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), State Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 1001, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0710 or <http://www.wvpeia.com>.

GASB requires entities to accrue for employees' rights to receive compensation for vacation leave or payments in lieu of accrued vacation or sick leave as such benefits are earned and payment becomes probable. The Commission's full-time employees earn up to two vacation leave days for each month of service and are entitled to compensation for accumulated, unpaid vacation leave upon termination. Full-time employees also earn one and one-half sick leave days for each month of service and are entitled to extend their health or life insurance coverage upon retirement in lieu of accumulated, unpaid sick leave. Generally, two days of accrued sick leave extends health insurance for one month of single coverage and three days extends health insurance for one month of family coverage. For employees hired after 1988 or who were hired before 1988 but did not choose such coverage until after 1988 but before July 1, 2001, the employee shares in the cost of the extended benefit coverage to the extent of 50% of the premium required for the extended coverage. Employees hired July 1, 2001, or later will no longer receive sick leave credit toward insurance premiums when they retire. Additionally, all retirees have the option to purchase continued coverage regardless of their eligibility for premium credits. This liability is now provided for under the multiple employer cost-sharing plan approved by the state.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Compensated Absences and Other Postemployment Benefits

The estimated expense and expense incurred for the vacation leave or OPEB benefits are recorded as a component of benefits expense on the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Net Pension Liability

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the West Virginia Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), administered by the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB), and additions to/reductions from the TRS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported in the TRS financial statements, which can be found at <https://www.wvretirement.com/Publications.html>. The plan schedules of TRS are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources measurement focus in accordance with GAAP as prescribed by GASB.

Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Investments are reported at fair value. Detailed information on investment valuation can be found in the TRS financial statements. Management of TRS has made certain estimates and assumptions relating to employer allocation schedules, and actual results could differ (Note 11).

Future Interest Payable

Interest on capital accretion bonds is recognized over the life of the related bonds on the interest method.

Bonds

Bond premiums or discounts are amortized over the life of the related bonds.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Consumption of net assets by the Commission that is applicable to a future fiscal year is reported as a deferred outflow of resources on the statements of net position. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission had a deferred loss on refunding of \$10,319,014 and \$11,419,957, respectively, and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of \$96,887 and \$115,340 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively (Note 11). As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission had deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB of \$115,086 and \$345,154, respectively (Note 10).

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Acquisition of net assets by the Commission that is applicable to a future fiscal year is reported as a deferred inflow of resources on the statements of net position. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the deferred inflows related to pensions were \$79,323 and \$119,519, respectively (Note 11). As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission had deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB of \$260,081 and \$607,612, respectively (Note 10). As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the commission had deferred inflows of resources related to leases of \$6,461,461 and \$6,968,203, respectively (Note 12).

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Risk Management

The state's Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) provides general, property, and casualty coverage to the Commission and its employees. Such coverage may be provided to the Commission by BRIM through self-insurance programs maintained by BRIM or policies underwritten by BRIM that may involve experience-related premiums or adjustments to BRIM.

BRIM engages an independent actuary to assist in the determination of its premiums so as to minimize the likelihood of premium adjustments to the Commission or other participants in BRIM's insurance programs. As a result, management does not expect significant differences between premiums the Commission is currently charged by BRIM and the In addition, through its participation in the PEIA and third-party insurers, the Commission has obtained health, life, prescription drug coverage, and coverage for job-related injuries for its employees. In exchange for payment of premiums to PEIA and the third-party insurer, the Commission has transferred its risks related to health, life, prescription drug coverage, and job-related injuries.

Classification of Revenues

The Commission has classified its revenues according to the following criteria:

Operating Revenues – Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as (1) fees from higher education institutions; (2) most federal, state, local, and nongovernmental grants, and contracts; (3) federal appropriations for land grant institutions, and (4) revenue from leasing.

Nonoperating Revenues – Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions and other revenues that are defined as nonoperating revenues by GASB, such as state and federal appropriations, investment income/loss, and sale of capital assets (including natural resources).

Other Revenues – Other revenues consist primarily of capital appropriations, grants, and gifts.

Use of Restricted Net Position

The Commission has not adopted a formal policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. Generally, the Commission attempts to utilize restricted funds first when practical.

Institutional Collections

Institutional collections represent revenues earned from colleges and universities throughout the state for the use of central site (WVNET) computing services.

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Government Grants and Contracts

Government grants and contracts normally provide for the recovery of direct and indirect costs, subject to audit. The Commission recognizes revenue associated with direct costs as the related costs are incurred. Recovery of related indirect costs is generally recorded at fixed rates negotiated for a period of one to five years.

Interest on Indebtedness

The Commission accounts for interest on debt as an expense of the period in which it is incurred.

Student Financial Aid and Other Payments to Institutions

The Commission records financial aid and other payments to institutions as an expense of the period in which it is disbursed to the institutions.

Income Taxes

The Commission is exempt from income taxes under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as a governmental entity. It is also recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC.

Cash Flows

Any cash and cash equivalents escrowed, restricted for noncurrent assets, or in funded reserves have not been included as cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statements of cash flows.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The composition of cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2024, was held as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Noncurrent</u>	<u>Total</u>
State Treasurer	\$ 105,780,116	\$ 5,965,134	\$ 111,745,250
Municipal Bond Commission	1,805,388	-	1,805,388
Bank	8,078,162	-	8,078,162
Trustee	-	7,776,719	7,776,719
Total	<u>\$ 115,663,666</u>	<u>\$ 13,741,853</u>	<u>\$ 129,405,519</u>

The composition of cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2023, was held as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Noncurrent</u>	<u>Total</u>
State Treasurer	\$ 62,434,455	\$ 5,965,134	\$ 68,399,589
Municipal Bond Commission	1,680,690	-	1,680,690
Bank	8,257,933	-	8,257,933
Trustee	-	7,334,201	7,334,201
Total	<u>\$ 72,373,078</u>	<u>\$ 13,299,335</u>	<u>\$ 85,672,413</u>

Cash held by the State Treasurer includes \$5,965,134 at June 30, 2024 and 2023 of restricted cash for sponsored projects, loans, and other purposes.

Cash on deposit with trustee represents funds reserved for debt payments on the University Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (the 2010 Bonds) and project expenditures, and debt payments on the University Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (the 2012 Bonds) (Note 9).

The combined carrying amount of cash in bank at June 30, 2024 and 2023, was \$8,078,162 and \$8,257,933 as compared with the combined bank balance of \$8,078,162 and \$8,257,933, respectively. The bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance as noted below or were collateralized by securities held by the state's agent. Regarding federal depository insurance, interest-bearing accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000.

Amounts with the State Treasurer as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, are comprised of \$33,238,856 and \$10,909,869, respectively, held by the State Treasury Fund and not invested, and three investment pools, the WV Money Market Pool, the WV Government Money Market Pool, and the WV Short Term Bond Pool.

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NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The following table provides information on the Standard & Poor’s rating of the investment pools as of June 30:

External Pool	2024		2023	
	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	S & P Rating	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	S & P Rating
WV Money Market Pool	\$ 75,733,814	AAAm	\$ 54,543,379	AAAm
WV Government Money Market Pool	1,016,447	AAAm	1,680,690	AAAm
WV Short-Term Bond Pool	1,756,133	Not Rated	1,265,651	Not Rated

A Fund rated AAAm has extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit, market, and/or liquidity risks. “AAAm” is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by Standard & Poor’s.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. All the amounts with the State Treasurer are subject to interest rate risk. The following table provides information on the weighted-average maturities for the WV Money Market Pool and the WV Government Money Market Pool:

External Pool	2024		2023	
	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	WAM (Days)	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	WAM (Days)
WV Money Market Pool	\$ 75,733,814	36	\$ 54,543,379	19
WV Government Money Market Pool	1,016,447	44	1,680,690	52

The following table provides information on the effective duration for the WV Short-Term Bond Pool:

External Pool	2024		2023	
	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	Effective Duration (Days)	Carrying Value (in Thousands)	Effective Duration (Days)
WV Short-Term Bond Pool	\$ 1,756,133	645	\$ 1,392,829	609

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NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Cash in Bank with Trustee

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. Cash in bank with trustee is governed by provisions of the bond agreement.

<u>Investment Type</u>	Carrying Value	
	2024	2023
Money Market Fund	\$ 7,776,719	\$ 7,334,201

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Commission will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Commission does not have a formal custodial credit risk policy.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Commission’s investment policy limits investment maturities from potential fair value losses due to increasing interest rates. No more than 5% of the money market fund’s total market value may be invested in the obligations of a single issuer, with the exception of the U.S. government and its agencies. The Commission does not have a formal interest rate risk policy.

NOTE 4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable was as follows at June 30:

	2024	2023
Student Loan Receivables - Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts of \$4,840,418 and \$4,158,034	\$ 3,285,122	\$ 3,385,781
Grants and Contracts Receivable	217,890	419,398
Due from Higher Education Institutions	1,330,425	1,169,978
Rent Receivable - Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts of Rent Receivable of \$285,461 and \$249,915	669,410	518,090
Employee Conversion Pay Receivable	38,165	40,558
Due from State and State Agencies	1,636,990	1,309,188
Total	\$ 7,178,002	\$ 6,842,993

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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 15,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,100,000
Construction in Progress	576,250	1,950,694	(2,113,552)	413,392
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>\$ 15,676,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,950,694</u>	<u>\$ (2,113,552)</u>	<u>\$ 15,513,392</u>
Other Capital Assets:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$ 54,182,065	\$ 1,313,495	\$ -	\$ 55,495,560
Leasehold Improvements	83,394	-	-	83,394
Infrastructure	5,232,489	926,800	-	6,159,289
Intangible	1,468,338	-	(978,514)	489,824
Equipment	16,908,979	574,537	(660,571)	16,822,945
Right-to-Use Leased Assets	1,506,519	17,493	(1,506,519)	17,493
SBITA	8,056,794	1,441,815	(148,340)	9,350,269
Total Other Capital Assets	<u>87,438,578</u>	<u>4,274,140</u>	<u>(3,293,944)</u>	<u>88,418,774</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	11,233,771	1,901,556	-	13,135,327
Leasehold Improvements	78,451	-	-	78,451
Infrastructure	2,588,790	374,760	-	2,963,550
Intangible	1,307,412	44,520	(899,208)	452,724
Equipment	15,638,119	838,249	(739,877)	15,736,491
Right-of-Use Leased Assets	1,209,225	297,659	(1,506,519)	365
SBITA	3,267,840	2,146,197	(148,340)	5,265,697
Total Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>35,323,608</u>	<u>5,602,941</u>	<u>(3,293,944)</u>	<u>37,632,605</u>
Other Capital Assets - Net	<u>52,114,970</u>	<u>(1,328,801)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,786,169</u>
Capital Asset Summary:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated or Amortized	15,676,250	1,950,694	(2,113,552)	15,513,392
Other Capital Assets	<u>87,438,578</u>	<u>4,274,140</u>	<u>(3,293,944)</u>	<u>88,418,774</u>
Total Cost of Capital Assets	103,114,828	6,224,834	(5,407,496)	103,932,166
Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>35,323,608</u>	<u>5,602,941</u>	<u>(3,293,944)</u>	<u>37,632,605</u>
Capital Assets - Net	<u>\$ 67,791,220</u>	<u>\$ 621,893</u>	<u>\$ (2,113,552)</u>	<u>\$ 66,299,561</u>

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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

A summary of capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance (as Restated)	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 15,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,100,000
Construction in Progress	7,609,881	1,752,792	(8,786,423)	576,250
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>22,709,881</u>	<u>1,752,792</u>	<u>(8,786,423)</u>	<u>15,676,250</u>
Other Capital Assets:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	45,799,315	8,382,750	-	54,182,065
Leasehold Improvements	83,394	-	-	83,394
Infrastructure	5,020,175	212,314	-	5,232,489
Intangible	1,468,338	-	-	1,468,338
Equipment	16,145,639	775,895	(12,555)	16,908,979
Right-to-Use Leased Assets	2,598,660	-	(1,092,141)	1,506,519
SBITA	5,580,889	2,504,907	(29,002)	8,056,794
Total Other Capital Assets	<u>76,696,410</u>	<u>11,875,866</u>	<u>(1,133,698)</u>	<u>87,438,578</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	9,438,068	1,795,703	-	11,233,771
Leasehold Improvements	71,295	7,156	-	78,451
Infrastructure	2,252,822	335,968	-	2,588,790
Intangible	1,253,969	53,443	-	1,307,412
Equipment	14,913,380	765,686	(40,947)	15,638,119
Right-to-Use Leased Assets	807,602	401,623	-	1,209,225
SBITA	1,304,966	1,991,876	(29,002)	3,267,840
Total Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>30,042,102</u>	<u>5,351,455</u>	<u>(69,949)</u>	<u>35,323,608</u>
Other Capital Assets - Net	<u>\$ 46,654,308</u>	<u>\$ 6,524,411</u>	<u>\$ (1,063,749)</u>	<u>\$ 52,114,970</u>
Capital Asset Summary:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated or Amortized	\$ 22,709,881	\$ 1,752,792	\$ (8,786,423)	\$ 15,676,250
Other Capital Assets	76,696,410	11,875,866	(1,133,698)	87,438,578
Total Cost of Capital Assets	<u>99,406,291</u>	<u>13,628,658</u>	<u>(9,920,121)</u>	<u>103,114,828</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>30,042,102</u>	<u>5,351,455</u>	<u>(69,949)</u>	<u>35,323,608</u>
Capital Assets - Net	<u>\$ 69,364,189</u>	<u>\$ 8,277,203</u>	<u>\$ (9,850,172)</u>	<u>\$ 67,791,220</u>

Title to certain real property at the institutions is held by the Commission by virtue of legislative assignment from prior system-wide governing boards. Title can be transferred from the Commission to the Institutional Governing Boards upon mutual agreement. Regardless of title, all real property at the institution is recorded in the institution's financial statements.

The Commission maintains certain collections of inexhaustible assets to which no value can be practically determined. Accordingly, such collections are not capitalized or recognized for financial statement purposes. Such collections include contributed works of art that are held for exhibition. These collections are neither disposed of for financial gain nor encumbered in any means.

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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission had outstanding contractual commitments of approximately \$386,528 and \$516,719 for property, plant, and equipment expenditures, respectively.

NOTE 6 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A summary of long-term obligation activity is as follows for the years ended June 30:

	2024				
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Bonds Payable	\$ 249,604,974	\$ -	\$ (18,219,855)	\$ 231,385,119	\$ 17,230,528
Notes Payable - Direct Placement	8,777,122	-	(646,029)	8,131,093	603,675
Other Long-Term Liabilities:					
Accrued Compensated					
Absences	936,719	100,670	-	1,037,389	770,105
Future Interest Payable	31,472,431	-	(2,591,987)	28,880,444	5,314,472
Other Postemployment					
Benefit Liability	142,756	-	(142,756)	-	-
Net Pension Liability	259,856	-	(5,686)	254,170	-
SBITA Liability	4,787,896	1,441,815	(2,132,362)	4,097,349	1,993,061
Lease Obligation	288,664	17,493	(288,973)	17,184	3,868
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 296,270,418</u>	<u>\$ 1,559,978</u>	<u>\$ (24,027,648)</u>	<u>\$ 273,802,748</u>	<u>\$ 25,915,709</u>
	2023				
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Bonds Payable	\$ 267,211,030	\$ -	\$ (17,606,056)	\$ 249,604,974	\$ 16,573,176
Notes Payable - Direct Placement	8,557,538	811,152	(591,568)	8,777,122	650,165
Other Long-Term Liabilities:					
Accrued Compensated					
Absences	972,100	-	(35,381)	936,719	652,927
Future Interest Payable	33,716,121	-	(2,243,690)	31,472,431	5,216,824
Other Postemployment					
Benefit Liability	-	142,756	-	142,756	-
Net Pension Liability	177,985	81,871	-	259,856	-
SBITA Liability	4,214,107	2,369,742	(1,795,953)	4,787,896	1,910,517
Lease Obligation	1,748,020	-	(1,459,356)	288,664	288,664
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 316,596,901</u>	<u>\$ 3,405,521</u>	<u>\$ (23,732,004)</u>	<u>\$ 296,270,418</u>	<u>\$ 25,292,273</u>

* The current portion of deferred interest payable is included in interest payable on the statement of net position.

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NOTE 7 SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (SBITA)

The Commission has operating and higher education consortium SBITA arrangements purchased from external vendors. The subscription terms of these contracts vary and range from FY 2023 through FY 2027. Most payments are annual. The Commission determined the net present value of the SBITAs based on an estimated incremental borrowing rate of 8.38% and 6.5% for years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

See Note 5 for balances and changes in subscription assets at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Future annual minimum subscription payments for years subsequent to June 30, 2024, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 1,993,060	\$ 175,051	\$ 2,168,111
2026	1,579,865	60,742	1,640,607
2027	524,424	8,561	532,985
Total	<u>\$ 4,097,349</u>	<u>\$ 244,354</u>	<u>\$ 4,341,703</u>

NOTE 8 NOTE PAYABLE

On November 7, 2013, the Corporation executed a note payable to the West Virginia Economic Development Authority to finance a new boiler system for the property in the amount of \$1,485,253. The note payable bears interest at 3.42% per annum and is collateralized by lease and rental revenues. Payments are due monthly in installments of \$14,632. The outstanding balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$0 and \$72,342, respectively. The note matured in November 2023.

On October 20, 2020, the Corporation executed a note payable to the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council in the amount of \$2,217,128. The loan was to finance construction and building improvements related to Building 2000 that the Corporation had paid for using operational funds in prior years. The note payable bears interest at 0% per annum and is collateralized by lease rental revenues. Payments are due monthly beginning November 1, 2023 in installments of \$18,476. The outstanding balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$2,069,320 and \$2,217,128, respectively. The note matures in October 2033.

On May 7, 2021, the Corporation executed a construction loan agreement to Summit Community Bank to fund construction and permanent financing in the amount of \$7,500,000. The note payable bears a variable interest rate at 3.25% per annum and is subject to repricing May 27, 2027 and every five years thereafter. The note payable is collateralized by lease rental revenues. Interest only payments are due for 12 consecutive payments beginning June 27, 2021. Payments of principal and interest are due monthly beginning June 27, 2022 in installments of \$52,877. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the balance on the note was \$6,061,773 and \$6,487,752, respectively. The note matures in May 2037.

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NOTE 8 NOTE PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

A summary of the annual aggregate payments for years subsequent to June 30, 2024, is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 603,675	\$ 195,099	\$ 798,774
2026	616,452	182,321	798,773
2027	629,658	169,115	798,773
2028	642,883	155,889	798,772
2028	657,395	141,378	798,773
Thereafter	4,981,030	563,610	5,544,640
Total	<u>\$ 8,131,093</u>	<u>\$ 1,407,412</u>	<u>\$ 9,538,505</u>

NOTE 9 BONDS PAYABLE

The state chartered the former University System of West Virginia and the former State College System of West Virginia with the responsibility to construct or renovate, finance, and maintain various academic and other facilities of the state's higher education institutions. Financing for these facilities was provided through revenue bonds issued by the former State Board of Regents, the former College and University System Boards, the Interim Governing Board, or the Commission. All bonds payables are administered by the Commission, as successor to the various former governing boards.

The Commission has the authority to assess each institution of the West Virginia Higher Education Fund for payment of debt service on these system bonds. The tuition and registration fees of the institutions are generally pledged as collateral for the Commission's bond indebtedness. Student fees collected by an institution in excess of the debt service allocation are retained by the institution for internal funding of capital projects and maintenance. The bonds remain an obligation of the Commission.

Bonds payable consisted of the following at June 30:

	Maximum Interest Rate	Original Range of Annual Principal Installment Due	Principal Amount Outstanding	
			2024	2023
2017 Series Community and Technical College Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds	5.00 %	\$30,000 to 4,760,000	\$ 54,140,000	\$ 56,315,000
2017 Series Revenue Refunding Bonds Higher Education Facilities	5.00	\$1,205,000 to 3,885,000	8,495,000	12,195,000
2012 Series A Revenue Refunding Bonds, Due through 2034	5.00	\$1,425,000 to 42,100,000	76,390,000	81,880,000
2012 Series B Revenue Bonds, Due through 2034	5.00	\$200,000 to 2,400,000	3,750,000	4,420,000
2010 Series B Revenue Bonds, Due through 2040	7.65	\$10,800,000 to 39,465,000	50,265,000	50,265,000
Series 2000A University System Bonds, Due through 2031	6.26	\$0 to 3,263,864	8,677,548	10,260,724
Series 1998 University System Bonds, Due through 2028	5.25	\$1,065,000 to 3,625,000	13,455,000	16,410,000
Subtotal			<u>215,172,548</u>	<u>231,745,724</u>
Add Bond Premium			16,212,571	17,859,251
Total			<u>\$ 231,385,119</u>	<u>\$ 249,604,975</u>

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NOTE 9 BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

A summary of the annual aggregate payments for years subsequent to June 30, 2024, is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 17,230,528	\$ 16,452,859	\$ 33,683,387
2026	17,257,128	15,749,578	33,006,706
2027	18,105,564	15,037,604	33,143,168
2028	17,594,168	14,211,743	31,805,911
2029	14,522,600	13,398,395	27,920,995
2030 - 2034	78,707,560	39,285,224	117,992,784
2035 - 2039	40,960,000	10,997,073	51,957,073
2040	10,795,000	580,678	11,375,678
Total	<u>\$ 215,172,548</u>	<u>\$ 125,713,154</u>	<u>\$ 340,885,702</u>

The higher education institutions' tuition, registration, and other specified fees generally are pledged as collateral for the Commission's bond indebtedness, as well as any monies held by the trustees.

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The proceeds of the 2017 Series Community and Technical College Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds were used, in part, to advance refund outstanding principal amount of the 2009 Series A Community and Technical College Improvement Revenue Bonds. This refunding reduced the Commission's total debt service payments by approximately \$34,000, resulting in a net economic gain of approximately \$7,184,000.

The proceeds of the 2017 Series Revenue Refunding Bonds Higher Education Facilities were used, in part, to currently refund outstanding principal amount of the 2007 Series A Revenue Refunding Bonds, and advance refund certain maturities of the outstanding principal amount of the 2010 Series A Revenue Bonds. This refunding reduced the Commission's total debt service payments by approximately \$2,776,000 resulting in a net economic gain of approximately \$2,517,000.

The 2017 advance refunding's created irrevocable trust funds, the securities, and earnings therein are considered sufficient to fully service the bonds until they are called or mature. For financial reporting purposes, the bonds are considered defeased, and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the statement of net position. At June 30, 2024, the amount of defeased bonds outstanding was \$58,705,000 related to the 2009 Series A Bonds.

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NOTE 10 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Employees of the Commission are enrolled in the West Virginia Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (the OPEB plan) which is administered by the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) and the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (the RHBT).

Following is the Commission's other postemployment benefits liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits, revenues, and other postemployment benefits expense and expenditures for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and, (dollars in thousands):

	2024	2023
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ (206)	\$ 142
Deferred Outflows of Resources	115	345
Deferred Inflows of Resources	260	608
Revenues	148	(160)
OPEB Expense	(616)	(709)
Contributions Made by Commission	1	114

Plan Description

The OPEB plan is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan that covers the retirees of state agencies, colleges and universities, county boards of education, and other government entities as set forth in West Virginia Code Section 5-16D-2 (the Code). Plan benefits are established and revised by PEIA and the RHBT with approval of the Finance Board. The Finance Board is comprised of nine members. Finance Board members are appointed by the Governor, serve a term of four years, and are eligible for reappointment. The State Department of Administration cabinet secretary, or designee, serves as Chairman of the Board. Four members represent labor, education, public employees, and public retirees. Four remaining members represent the public-at-large.

Active employees who retire are eligible for PEIA health and life benefits, provided they meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the applicable state retirement system and if their last employer immediately prior to retirement is a participating employer under the Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB) and, as of July 1, 2008 forward, is a participating employer with PEIA. Active employees who, as of July 1, 2008, have 10 years or more of credited service in the CPRB and whose employer at the time of their retirement does participate with CPRB, but does not participate with PEIA will be eligible for PEIA retiree coverage provided: they otherwise meet all criteria under this heading and their employer agrees, in writing, upon a form prescribed by PEIA, that the employer will pay to PEIA the nonparticipating retiree premium on behalf of the retiree or retirees, or that the retiree agrees to pay the entire unsubsidized premium themselves. Employees who participate in non-State retirement systems but that are CPRB system affiliated, contracted, or approved (such as TIAA-CREF and Empower Retirement), or are approved, in writing, by the PEIA Director must, in the case of education employees, meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), and in all other cases meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the Public Employees Retirement System to be eligible for PEIA benefits as a retiree.

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NOTE 10 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Description (Continued)

The financial activities of the OPEB plan are accounted for in the RHBT, a fiduciary fund of the state of West Virginia. The RHBT audited financial statements and actuarial reports can be found on the PEIA website at www.peia.wv.gov.

Benefits Provided

The OPEB plan provides the following benefits: medical and prescription drug insurance and life insurance. The medical and prescription drug insurance is provided through two options: the self-insured preferred provider benefit plan option, which is primarily for non-Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses; and the external managed care organization option, which is primarily for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses.

Contributions

Pay as you go premiums (paygo) are established by the Finance Board annually. All participating employers are required by statute to contribute this premium to the RHBT at the established rate for every active policyholder per month. The active premiums subsidize the retirees' health care.

Members retired before July 1, 1997, pay retiree health care contributions at the highest sponsor subsidized rate, regardless of their actual years of service. Members retired between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 2010, pay a subsidized rate depending on the member's years of service. Members hired on or after July 1, 2010, pay retiree health care contributions with no sponsor provided implicit or explicit subsidy.

Retirees leave conversion contributions from the employer depend on the retiree's date of hire and years of service at retirement as described below:

- Members hired before July 1, 1988, may convert accrued sick or vacation leave days into 100% of the required retiree health care contribution.
- Members hired from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 2001, may convert sick or vacation leave days into 50% of the required retiree health care contribution.

The conversion rate is two days of unused sick and vacation leave days per month for single health care coverage and three days of unused sick and vacation leave days per month for family health care coverage.

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2001, no longer receive sick and/or vacation leave credit toward the required retiree health care contribution when they retire. All retirees have the option to purchase continued coverage regardless of their eligibility for premium credits.

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NOTE 10 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Contributions (Continued)

Certain faculty employees (generally those with less than a 12-month contract) earn a similar extended health or life insurance coverage retirement benefit based on years of service. Generally, 3-1/3 years of teaching service extend health insurance coverage for one year of family coverage. Faculty hired after July 1, 2009, no longer receive years of service credit toward insurance premiums when they retire. Faculty hired on or after July 1, 2010, receive no health insurance premium subsidy when they retire. Two groups of employees hired after July 1, 2010, will not be required to pay the unsubsidized rate: 1) active employees who were originally hired before July 1, 2010, who have a break in service of fewer than two years after July 1, 2010 and 2) retired employees who had an original hire date prior to July 1, 2010, may return to active employment. In those cases, the original hire date may apply.

Basis of Allocation

OPEB amounts have been allocated to each contributing employer based on their proportionate share of employer contributions to the RHBT for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Effective July 1, 2017, certain employers that met the plan's opt out criteria and chose not to participate in the plan coverage were no longer required to make contributions to the plan. The amounts previously allocated to such employers for the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and deferred outflows are reallocated to the remaining employers participating in the cost sharing plan. The plan reallocates these balances to the remaining active employers based on their proportionate share of contributions made in the period of reallocation.

Assumptions

The net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 for financial reporting purposes was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, rolled forward to June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The following actuarial assumptions were used and applied in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method: Entry age normal cost method.
- Amortization method and period: Level percentage of payroll over 20 years.
- Investment rate of return: 7.40%, net of OPEB Plan investment expense, including inflation.
- Rates based on 2015-2020 OPEB experience study and dependent on plan participation and attained age, and range from 2.75% to 5.18%, including inflation.
- Trend rate for pre-Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% medical and 8% drug. The trends increase over four years to 9.0% and 9.5%, respectively. The trends then decrease linearly for 5 years until ultimate trend rate of 4.5% is reached in plan year end 2032.
- Wage Inflation rate: 2.75%.
- Discount rate: 7.40%.

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NOTE 10 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Assumptions (Continued)

- Mortality rates: Postretirement, Pub-2010 general Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 108% females) projected with MP-2021. Pre-retirement, Pub-2010 general Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with MP-2021.

The long-term investment rate of return of 7.40% on OPEB Plan investments was determined by a combination of an expected long-term rate of return of 7.60% for long-term assets invested with the West Virginia Investment Management Board (IMB) and an expected short-term rate of return of 2.75% for assets invested with the WV Board of Treasury Investments (BTI).

Long-term pre-funding assets are invested with the IMB. Short-term assets used to pay current year benefits and expenses are invested with the BTI.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB Plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB Plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the long-term geometric rates for each major asset class are summarized below.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022, valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020.

<u>Asset Class</u>	2024	
	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Equity	7.4 %	45.0%
Fixed Income	3.9	15.0%
Private Credit and Income	7.4	6.0%
Private Equity	10.0	12.0%
Real Estate	7.2	12.0%
Hedge Funds	4.5	10.0%

<u>Asset Class</u>	2023	
	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Global Equity	4.8%	55.0%
Core Plus Fixed Income	2.1%	15.0%
Core Real Estate	4.1%	10.0%
Private Equity	2.4%	10.0%
Hedge Fund	6.8%	10.0%

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NOTE 10 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Assumptions (Continued)

Discount Rate – A single discount rate of 7.40% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 7.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made in accordance with the prefunding and investment policies. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the Commission’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, calculated using the discount rate of 7.40% and 6.65%, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, as well as what the Commission’s net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 6.40% and 5.65%, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 or one percentage point higher 8.40% and 7.65%, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, than the current rate (in thousands):

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability (Asset) 2024	\$ (35)	\$ (206)	\$ (394)
Net OPEB Liability (Asset) 2023	(372)	143	50

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The following presents the Commission’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, calculated using the current health care cost trend rates, as well as what the Commission’s net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates (dollars in thousands):

	1% Decrease	Health Care Rate Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability (Asset) 2024	\$ (525)	\$ (206)	\$ (173)
Net OPEB Liability (Asset) 2023	82	143	(414)

OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB – The net OPEB liabilities at 2024 and 2023 were measured as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. The total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023 and 2022 were determined by actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2022 and 2021.

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Assumptions (Continued)

OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued) – At June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, the amount recognized as the Commission’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) was (\$206,214) and \$142,756, respectively. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, the nonemployer contributing entity’s (state of West Virginia) portion of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) is (\$88,018) and \$54,612, and the total net OPEB liability (asset) attributable to the Commission is (\$294,232) and \$197,368.

The allocation percentage assigned to each contributing employer is based on the employer’s proportionate share of employer contributions to the RHBT for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. Employer contributions are recognized when due. At June 30, 2024, the Commission’s proportion was 0.137765%, an increase of 0.007641% from its proportion of 0.130124% calculated as of June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the Commission’s proportion was 0.130124%, a increase of 0.00491% from its proportion of 0.125214% calculated as of June 30, 2022.

For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission recognized OPEB credit of (\$337,262) and (\$709,520), respectively. Of this amount, (\$486,130) and (\$549,838), respectively, was recognized as the Commission’s proportionate share of the OPEB (credit), and \$148,868 and \$159,682, respectively, as the amount of OPEB (credit) attributed to special funding. The Commission also recognized revenue of (\$148,686) and (\$159,682), respectively, for support provided by the state.

At June 30, 2024, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB are as follows:

	2024	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Proportion and Difference Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	\$ 57,438	\$ 21,554
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	-	3,438
Contributions After the Measurement Date	786	-
Net Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	-	120,038
Relocation of Opt-Out Employer Change in Proportionate Share	-	-
Changes in Assumptions	56,862	115,051
Total	\$ 115,086	\$ 260,081

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NOTE 10 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Assumptions (Continued)

OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued) – At June 30, 2023, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB are as follows:

	2023	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Proportion and Difference Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	\$ 117,956	\$ 63,974
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	22,480	-
Contributions After the Measurement Date	111,840	-
Net Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	-	174,945
Relocation of Opt-Out Employer Change in Proportionate Share	-	715
Changes in Assumptions	92,878	367,978
Total	\$ 345,154	\$ 607,612

The Commission will recognize the \$786 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from OPEB contributions after the measurement date as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows (dollars in thousands):

Year Ended June 30,	Amortization
2025	\$ (169,042)
2026	(8,527)
2027	41,920
2028	(10,132)
Total	\$ (145,781)

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS

Substantially all full-time employees of the Commission, other than those employed by the Corporation as no plan has yet been established for them, participate in either the TRS or the Teachers' Insurance and Annuities Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF). Previously, upon full-time employment, all employees were required to make an irrevocable selection between the TRS and TIAA-CREF. Effective July 1, 1991, the TRS was closed to new participants. Current participants in the TRS are permitted to make a one-time election to cease their participation in that plan and commence contributions to the West Virginia Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan. Contributions to and participation in the West Virginia Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan by the Commission's employees have not been significant to date.

Defined Contribution Benefit Plans

The TIAA-CREF and Empower Retirement are defined contribution benefit plans in which benefits are based solely upon amounts contributed, plus investment earnings. Employees who elect to participate in these plans are required to make a contribution equal to 6% of total annual compensation. The Commission matches the employees' 6% contribution. Contributions are immediately and fully vested. In addition, employees may elect to make additional contributions to TIAA-CREF and Empower Retirement, which are not matched by the Commission.

Total contributions to the TIAA-CREF for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, were \$1,155,496, \$1,089,550, and \$950,970, respectively, which consisted of \$577,748, \$544,755, and \$475,474 from the Commission in 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively, and \$577,748, \$544,755, and \$475,474 from covered employees in 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

Effective January 1, 2003, higher education employees enrolled in the basic 401(a) retirement plan with TIAA-CREF have an option to switch to the new Educators Money 401(a) basic retirement plan (Educators Money). New hires have the choice of either plan.

Total contributions to Educators Money for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, were \$-0-, \$-0-, and \$-0-, respectively, which consisted of \$-0-, \$-0-, and \$-0- from the Commission in 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively, and \$-0-, \$-0-, and \$-0- from covered employees in 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

The Commission's total payroll for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was \$9,960,190 and \$9,474,515, respectively. Total covered employees' salaries in the TIAA-CREF and Educators Money were \$9,629,135 and \$-0-, respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2024, and \$9,079,586 and \$-0-, respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Benefit Plan

Some employees of the Commission are enrolled in a defined benefit pension plan, the TRS, which is administered by the CPRB.

Following is the Commission's pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, revenues, and the pension expense and expenditures for the fiscal years ended June 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 254,170	\$ 259,856
Deferred Outflows of Resources	96,887	115,340
Deferred Inflows of Resources	(79,323)	119,519
Revenues	71,571	91,361
Pension Expense	(44,142)	(11,881)
Contributions Made by Commission	39,657	45,662

TRS

Plan Description

TRS is a multiple employer defined benefit cost sharing public employee retirement system providing retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. It covers all full-time employees of the 55 county public school systems in the state and certain personnel of the 13 state-supported institutions of higher education, State Department of Education and the Higher Education Policy Commission hired prior to July 1, 1991. Employees of the state-supported institutions of higher education and the Higher Education Policy Commission hired after June 30, 1991, are required to participate in the Higher Education Retirement System. TRS closed membership to new hires effective July 1, 1991. TRS is considered a component unit of the state for financial reporting purposes, and, as such, its financial report is also included in the state's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. TRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. A copy of the report may be obtained from the TRS website at <https://www.wvretirement.com/Publications.html>.

Benefits Provided

TRS provides retirement, death, and disability benefits. A member is eligible for normal retirement at age 60 with five years of service, age 55 with 30 years of service or any age with 35 years of service. A member may retire with 30 years of credited service at any age with the pension reduced actuarially if the member retires before age 55. Terminated members with at least five, but less than 20, years of credited service who do not withdraw their accumulated contributions are entitled to a deferred retirement commencing at age 62. Retirement benefits are equivalent to 2% of average annual salary multiplied by years of service. Average salary is the average of the five highest fiscal years of earnings during the last 15 fiscal years of earnings. Chapter 18, Article 7A of the Code assigns the authority to establish and amend the provisions of the plan, including contribution rates, to the State Legislature.

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Benefit Plan (Continued)

TRS (Continued)

Contributions

The funding objective of the CPRB pension trust funds is to meet long-term benefit requirements through contributions, which remain relatively level as a percent of member payroll over time, and through investment earnings. Contribution requirements are set by CPRB. A member who withdraws from service for any cause other than death or retirement may request that the accumulated employee contributions plus interest be refunded.

Member Contributions: TRS funding policy provides for member contributions based on 6% of members' gross salary. Contributions as a percentage of payroll for members and employers are established by State law and are not actuarially determined.

Employer Contributions: Employers make the following contributions:

The state (including institutions of higher education) contributes:

1. 15% of gross salary of their state-employed members hired prior to July 1, 1991;
2. 15% of School Aid Formula (SAF) covered payroll of county-employed members;
3. 7.5% of SAF-covered payroll of members of the TDCRS;
4. a certain percentage of fire insurance premiums paid by state residents, and
5. under West Virginia State Code Section 18-9-A-6a, beginning in fiscal year 1996, an amount determined by the State Actuary as being needed to eliminate the TRS unfunded liability within 40 years of June 30, 1994. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Commission's proportionate share attributable to this special funding subsidy was \$820,473 and \$657,061, respectively.

The Commission's contributions to TRS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, were approximately \$39,657, \$45,662, and \$42,555, respectively.

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Benefit Plan (Continued)

TRS (Continued)

Assumptions

The total pension liabilities for financial reporting purposes were determined by actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and rolled forward to the measurement dates of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The following actuarial assumptions were used and applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method: Entry age normal cost with level percentage of payroll
- Asset valuation method: Investments are reported at fair value
- Amortization method and period: Level dollar, fixed period through fiscal year 2034
- Investment rate of return of 7.25%, as of July 1, 2023 and 2022, net of investment expenses
- Projected salary increases: Teachers 2.75% – 5.90% as of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, and nonteachers 2.75% – 6.50% as of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, based on age
- Inflation rate of 2.75% as of June 30, 2023 and 2022
- Discount rate of 7.25% as of June 30, 2023 and 2022
- Mortality rates based on MP-2019 Mortality Tables
- Withdrawal rates: Teachers 7.00% – 35% and nonteachers 2.30% – 18.00%
- Disability rates: 0.004% – 0.563%
- Retirement age: An age-related assumption is used for participants not yet receiving payments
- Retirement rates: 15% – 100%
- *Ad hoc* cost-of-living increases in pensions are periodically granted by the State Legislature. However, the retirement system makes no automatic provision for such increases.

Experience studies are performed at least once in every five-year period. The most recent experience study covered the period from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2020. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until such time as the CPRB adopts revised assumptions.

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Benefit Plan (Continued)

TRS (Continued)

Assumptions (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the long-term geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in TRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, are summarized below:

Best estimates of the long-term arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, are summarized below.

	2024	
<u>Asset Class</u>	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Domestic Equity	6.5 %	27.5 %
International Equity	9.1	27.5
Fixed Income	4.3	15.0
Real Estate	5.8	10.0
Private Equity	9.2	10.0
Hedge Funds	4.6	10.0
	2023	
<u>Asset Class</u>	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Domestic Equity	5.3 %	27.5 %
International Equity	6.1	27.5
Fixed Income	2.2	15.0
Real Estate	6.5	10.0
Private Equity	9.5	10.0
Hedge Funds	3.8	10.0

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Benefit Plan (Continued)

TRS (Continued)

Assumptions (Continued)

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total TRS pension liability was 7.25% for June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that State contributions will continue to follow the current funding policy. Based on those assumptions, TRS’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on TRS’ investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the Commission’s proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the Commission’s TRS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25%) or one percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate (dollars in thousands) for 2024 and 2023.

	1% Decrease 6.25%	Current Discount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%
Net Pension Liability 2024	\$ 390,341	\$ 254,170	\$ 138,597
Net Pension Liability 2023	382,215	259,855	155,936

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

The TRS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and rolled forward to the measurement dates.

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission’s proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability was \$820,473 and \$657,061, respectively. Of this amount, the Commission recognized \$254,170 and \$259,855, respectively, as its proportionate share on the statements of net position. The remainder of \$566,303 and \$397,205, respectively, denotes the Commission’s proportionate share of net pension liability attributable to the special funding.

The allocation percentage assigned to each participating employer and nonemployer contributing entity is based on their proportionate share of employer and nonemployer contributions to TRS for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. Employer contributions are recognized when due. At June 30, 2023, the Commission’s proportion was 0.011102%, an decrease of 0.000999% from its proportion of 0.010103% calculated as of June 30, 2022.

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Benefit Plan (Continued)

TRS (Continued)

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

For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission recognized TRS pension expense of \$83,802 and \$79,480, respectively. Of this amount, \$16,806 and \$11,881, respectively, was recognized as the Commission's proportionate share of the TRS expense, \$66,996 and \$85,116, respectively, as the amount of pension expense from a nonemployer contributing entity not attributable to a special funding situation. The Commission also recognized revenue of \$4,575 and \$6,245, respectively, for support provided by the state.

At June 30, 2024, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the TRS pension are as follows:

	2024	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Proportion and Difference Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	\$ 32,748	\$ 78,684
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	4,477	-
Contributions After the Measurement Date	39,657	-
Net Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	9,278	639
Changes in Assumptions	10,727	-
Total	\$ 96,887	\$ 79,323

At June 30, 2023, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the TRS pension are as follows:

	2023	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Proportion and Difference Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	\$ 33,667	\$ 117,400
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	10,540	-
Contributions After the Measurement Date	45,662	-
Net Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	10,790	2,119
Changes in Assumptions	14,681	-
Total	\$ 115,340	\$ 119,519

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Benefit Plan (Continued)

TRS (Continued)

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

The Commission will recognize the \$39,657 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from pension contributions after the measurement date as a reduction of the TRS net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in TRS pension expense as follows.

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

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amortization</u>
2025	\$ 11,195
2026	38,986
2027	(25,191)
2028	(2,696)
2029	(201)
Total	<u>\$ 22,093</u>

Payables to the Pension Plan

The Commission did not report any amounts payable for normal contributions to the TRS as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 12 LEASES

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Corporation as lessor, leased its facilities under 31 and 32 separate lease and facilities services agreements, respectively. These agreements contain lease terms with termination dates ranging through fiscal year 2039. Rent and utilities fees income for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, were \$7,480,992 and \$5,755,382, respectively. Rental rates, terms, cancellations, and other provisions vary based on the agreement, but generally leases payments are at a monthly fixed rate. A portion of the monthly rate is allocated to rent and in some instances a portion is allocated to non-lease components such as services fees or utilities. Some agreements also include a payment component based upon actual utility usage by the tenant. The Corporation has determined the net present value of lease receipts based on their own estimated borrowing rate of 8.5% and 5.25% during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, which would approximate their recovery of costs associated with borrowing for park improvements.

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NOTE 12 LEASES (CONTINUED)

The following is a schedule by years of minimum future rental revenues of the Tech Park:

<u>Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 1,345,413	\$ 202,712	\$ 1,548,125
2026	1,129,410	134,447	1,263,857
2027	709,089	84,119	793,208
2028	375,028	64,151	439,179
2029	371,591	49,234	420,825
2030 - 2034	589,671	152,994	742,665
2035 - 2039	598,724	53,862	652,586
Total	<u>\$ 5,118,926</u>	<u>\$ 741,519</u>	<u>\$ 5,860,445</u>

The Commission leases equipment as well as certain operating and office facilities for various terms under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2024 and provide for renewal options ranging from three months to five years. Future annual minimum scheduled lease payments on operating leases of the Commission for years subsequent to June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 3,868	\$ 1,258	\$ 5,126
2026	4,205	921	5,126
2027	4,571	555	5,126
2028	4,540	160	4,700
Total	<u>\$ 17,184</u>	<u>\$ 2,894</u>	<u>\$ 20,078</u>

Total rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$419,698 and \$401,624, respectively. The Commission has no noncancelable leases.

The primary operations of WVNET are conducted at property located on Chestnut Ridge Road in Morgantown. This property is owned by other units of the West Virginia Higher Education Fund and WVNET is not charged any rent for the use of the property. WVNET is responsible for all physical plant services, utilities, renovations, insurance, and other operating costs for this property. These operating costs are recorded in the Commission's statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Right-to-use leased assets acquired through outstanding leases are shown below, by underlying asset class.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Equipment	\$ 17,493	\$ 1,506,519
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(365)	(1,209,225)
Total Leased Assets	<u>\$ 17,128</u>	<u>\$ 297,294</u>

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NOTE 13 CONTINGENCIES

The nature of the educational industry is such that, from time to time, claims will be presented against the Commission on account of alleged negligence, acts of discrimination, breach of contract, or disagreements arising from the interpretation of laws or regulations. While some of these claims may be for substantial amounts, they are not unusual in the ordinary course of providing educational services in a higher education system. In the opinion of management, all known claims are covered by insurance or are such that an award against the Commission would not impact seriously on the financial status of the Commission.

Under the terms of federal grants, periodic audits are required, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the terms of the grants. Such audits could lead to reimbursement to the grantor agencies. The Commission's management believes disallowances, if any, will not have a significant impact on the Commission's financial position.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 establishes rules and regulations for arbitrage rebates. There are no arbitrage rebate liabilities that have been recorded in the financial statements as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

WVNET and the Corporation occupy buildings that are known to contain asbestos. Neither WVNET nor the Corporation are required by federal, state, or local law to remove the asbestos from the building. WVNET and the Corporation are required by Federal Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulations to manage the presence of asbestos in the building in a safe condition. WVNET and the Corporation address their responsibility to manage the presence of asbestos in the building on a case-by-case basis. Significant problems of dangerous asbestos conditions are abated as the condition becomes known. WVNET and the Corporation also address the presence of asbestos as building renovation or demolition projects are undertaken and through asbestos operation and maintenance programs directed at containing, managing, or operation with the asbestos in a safe condition.

NOTE 14 REIMBURSED EXPENDITURES

The Commission, through WVNET, acts as a purchasing agent for the public higher education institutions of the state and other state agencies to obtain bulk-pricing discounts for maintenance and equipment purchases. In addition, the Commission, through WVNET, provides purchasing services regarding computer equipment purchases. In fiscal years 2024 and 2023, approximately \$4,415,208 and \$4,200,766 was reimbursed by the schools and other state agencies to WVNET, respectively. The Commission treats these items as reimbursed expenditures so as not to distort total revenues and expenditures.

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NOTE 15 NATURAL CLASSIFICATIONS WITH FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the following table represents operating expenses within both natural and functional classifications:

	Salaries and Wages	Benefits	Supplies and Other Services	Utilities	Depreciation and Amortization	Total
General Institutional Support	\$ 8,801,105	\$ 1,602,744	\$ 6,514,222	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,918,071
Administration, Operations, and Maintenance of Plant	-	-	-	128,677	-	128,677
Administration of Leasing Activity	1,402,695	416,461	2,291,288	3,418,886	-	7,529,330
Depreciation and Amortization	-	-	-	-	5,602,941	5,602,941
Total	<u>\$ 10,203,800</u>	<u>\$ 2,019,205</u>	<u>\$ 8,805,510</u>	<u>\$ 3,547,563</u>	<u>\$ 5,602,941</u>	<u>\$ 30,179,019</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the following table represents operating expenses within both natural and functional classifications:

	Salaries and Wages	Benefits	Supplies and Other Services	Utilities	Depreciation and Amortization	Total
General Institutional Support	\$ 8,212,244	\$ 1,380,717	\$ 9,655,877	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,248,838
Administration, Operations, and Maintenance of Plant	-	-	-	137,604	-	137,604
Administration of Leasing Activity	1,388,067	423,237	1,850,832	3,327,669	-	6,989,805
Depreciation and Amortization	-	-	-	-	3,559,344	3,559,344
Total	<u>\$ 9,600,311</u>	<u>\$ 1,803,954</u>	<u>\$ 11,506,709</u>	<u>\$ 3,465,273</u>	<u>\$ 3,559,344</u>	<u>\$ 29,935,591</u>

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NOTE 16 CONDENSED COMPONENT UNIT INFORMATION

Condensed combining information for the Commission and WVRTP, the Commission's blended component unit, for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

Condensed Combining Statements of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Commission	WVRTP	Eliminations	Combined
ASSETS				
Current Assets	\$ 126,339,914	\$ 10,259,715	\$ -	\$ 136,599,629
Noncurrent Assets	39,450,055	3,773,513	-	43,223,568
Capital Assets, Net	7,550,209	58,749,352	-	66,299,561
Total Assets	<u>173,340,178</u>	<u>72,782,580</u>	-	<u>246,122,758</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	10,530,987	-	-	10,530,987
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities	31,903,204	1,328,493	-	33,231,697
Long-Term Liabilities	240,359,621	7,527,418	-	247,887,039
Total Liabilities	<u>272,262,825</u>	<u>8,855,911</u>	-	<u>281,118,736</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	339,404	6,461,461	-	6,800,865
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(214,504,669)	50,618,259	217,823,848	53,937,438
Restricted - Expendable	114,718,777	-	-	114,718,777
Unrestricted	11,054,828	6,846,949	(217,823,848)	(199,922,071)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (88,731,064)</u>	<u>\$ 57,465,208</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (31,265,856)</u>

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NOTE 16 CONDENSED COMPONENT UNIT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Condensed Combining Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Commission	WVRTP	Eliminations	Combined
OPERATING REVENUES				
Contracts and Grants	\$ 48,752,106	\$ 2,346,738	\$ (1,760,254)	\$ 49,338,590
Rental Income	-	7,480,992	-	7,480,992
Sales and Services of				
Educational Activities	4,085,087	-	-	4,085,087
Other Operating Revenues	3,396,589	475,281	-	3,871,870
Total Operating Revenues	<u>56,233,782</u>	<u>10,303,011</u>	<u>(1,760,254)</u>	<u>64,776,539</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Operations	17,046,748	7,529,330	-	24,576,078
Depreciation and Amortization	3,266,853	2,336,088	-	5,602,941
Total Operating Expenses	<u>20,313,601</u>	<u>9,865,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,179,019</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	35,920,181	437,593	(1,760,254)	34,597,520
NONOPERATING REVENUES				
(EXPENSES)				
Other Nonoperating				
Revenues	68,248,350	(1,078,119)	-	67,170,231
CAPITAL PAYMENTS AND				
TRANSFERS	<u>(44,619,991)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,760,254</u>	<u>(42,859,737)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET				
POSITION	59,548,540	(640,526)	-	58,908,014
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(148,279,604)</u>	<u>58,105,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(90,173,870)</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (88,731,064)</u>	<u>\$ 57,465,208</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (31,265,856)</u>

Condensed Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Commission	WVRTP	Eliminations	Combined
Net Cash Provided (Used) by:				
Operating Activities	\$ 38,347,927	\$ 2,805,081	\$ (1,827,358)	\$ 39,325,650
Noncapital Financing Activities	68,535,321	-	1,827,358	70,362,679
Capital Financing Activities	(67,260,917)	(2,984,850)	-	(70,245,767)
Investing Activities	3,848,028	-	-	3,848,028
Increase in Current Cash				
and Cash Equivalents	43,470,359	(179,769)	-	43,290,590
Current Cash and Cash Equivalents -				
Beginning of Year	<u>64,115,147</u>	<u>8,257,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,373,078</u>
Current Cash and Cash Equivalents -				
End of Year	<u>\$ 107,585,506</u>	<u>\$ 8,078,162</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 115,663,668</u>

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NOTE 16 CONDENSED COMPONENT UNIT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Condensed Combining Statements of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Commission	WVRTP	Eliminations	Combined
ASSETS				
Current Assets	\$ 80,260,758	\$ 10,251,061	\$ -	\$ 90,511,819
Noncurrent Assets	51,301,546	5,196,684	-	56,498,230
Capital Assets, Net	3,772,371	58,932,601	-	62,704,972
Total Assets	<u>135,334,675</u>	<u>74,380,346</u>	-	<u>209,715,021</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
	11,880,451	-	-	11,880,451
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities	31,916,410	1,179,352	-	33,095,762
Long-Term Liabilities	262,851,189	8,127,057	-	270,978,246
Total Liabilities	<u>294,767,599</u>	<u>9,306,409</u>	-	<u>304,074,008</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
	727,131	6,968,203	-	7,695,334
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(227,789,811)	50,155,379	227,959,721	50,325,289
Restricted - Expendable	67,609,634	-	-	67,609,634
Unrestricted	11,900,573	7,950,355	(227,959,721)	(208,108,793)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (148,279,604)</u>	<u>\$ 58,105,734</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (90,173,870)</u>

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NOTE 16 CONDENSED COMPONENT UNIT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Condensed Combining Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Commission	WVRTP	Eliminations	Combined
OPERATING REVENUES				
Contracts and Grants	\$ 5,878,522	\$ 2,435,145	\$ (1,985,254)	\$ 6,328,413
Rental Income	-	5,755,382	-	5,755,382
Sales and Services of Educational Activities	3,575,279	-	(59,172)	3,516,107
Other Operating Revenues	3,118,342	522,782	-	3,641,124
Total Operating Revenues	<u>12,572,143</u>	<u>8,713,309</u>	<u>(2,044,426)</u>	<u>19,241,026</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Operations	19,445,614	6,989,805	(59,172)	26,376,247
Depreciation and Amortization	1,378,579	2,180,765	-	3,559,344
Total Operating Expenses	<u>20,824,193</u>	<u>9,170,570</u>	<u>(59,172)</u>	<u>29,935,591</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(8,252,050)	(457,261)	(1,985,254)	(10,694,565)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Other Nonoperating Revenues	33,604,615	(195,165)	-	33,409,450
CAPITAL PAYMENTS AND TRANSFERS	(1,774,009)	-	1,985,254	211,245
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	23,578,556	(652,426)	-	22,926,130
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(171,858,160)</u>	<u>58,758,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(113,100,000)</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (148,279,604)</u>	<u>\$ 58,105,734</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (90,173,870)</u>

Condensed Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Commission	WVRTP	Eliminations	Combined
Net Cash Provided (Used) by:				
Operating Activities	\$ (8,128,979)	\$ 3,735,057	\$ (2,044,426)	\$ (6,438,348)
Noncapital Financing Activities	10,441,642	-	2,044,426	12,486,068
Capital Financing Activities	(23,691,093)	(2,220,569)	-	(25,911,662)
Investing Activities	2,256,179	-	-	2,256,179
Increase in Current Cash and Cash Equivalents	(19,122,251)	1,514,488	-	(17,607,763)
Current Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>83,237,398</u>	<u>6,743,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,980,841</u>
Current Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u>\$ 64,115,147</u>	<u>\$ 8,257,931</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 72,373,078</u>

**WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (RSI) (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

Schedule of Proportionate Share of TRS Net Pension Liability (Asset)

Measurement Date	Commission's Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Net Pension Liability	Commission's Proportionate Share	State's Proportionate Share	Total Proportionate Share	Commission's Covered Payroll	Commission's Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2014	0.014583%	\$ 503,133	\$ 1,136,780	\$ 1,639,913	\$ 481,678	1.044542205	65.95%
June 30, 2015	0.015889%	550,594	1,256,334	1,806,928	401,803	1.370308335	66.25%
June 30, 2016	0.015540%	638,666	1,216,489	1,855,155	420,900	1.517381801	61.42%
June 30, 2017	0.014018%	484,318	1,071,027	1,555,345	427,197	1.133711145	67.85%
June 30, 2018	0.013136%	410,140	1,062,694	1,472,834	414,810	0.988741834	71.20%
June 30, 2019	0.014360%	427,354	1,165,327	1,592,681	435,591	1.30489521	72.64%
June 30, 2020	0.016241%	523,113	1,139,161	1,662,274	336,839	1.553006036	70.89%
June 30, 2021	0.011389%	177,985	(397,908)	(219,923)	283,701	0.573054833	86.38%
June 30, 2022	0.010103%	259,855	397,205	657,060	304,414	0.853626969	77.78%
June 30, 2023	0.011102%	254,170	566,303	820,473	264,377	0.96139298153	80.42%

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Measurement Date	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actuarial Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$ 67,161	\$ 72,252	\$ (5,091)	\$ 481,678	15.00%
June 30, 2015	72,251	60,246	12,005	401,803	17.98%
June 30, 2016	60,246	59,269	977	420,900	14.31%
June 30, 2017	58,031	59,824	(1,793)	427,197	14.59%
June 30, 2018	58,298	62,226	(3,928)	414,810	14.05%
June 30, 2019	62,226	61,744	482	435,591	14.29%
June 30, 2020	67,191	44,755	22,436	336,839	16.32%
June 30, 2021	47,530	42,555	4,975	283,701	16.75%
June 30, 2022	48,800	45,662	3,138	304,414	16.03%
June 30, 2023	50,237	39,657	10,580	264,377	19.00%

NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as change in benefit terms or assumptions. With only six years reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in notes. Information, if necessary, can be obtained from the CPRB Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (RSI) (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

Measurement Date	Commission's Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Net OPEB Liability	Commission's Proportionate Share	State's Proportionate Share	Total Proportionate Share	Commission's Covered Payroll	Commission's Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total OPEB Liability
June 30, 2017	0.125587%	\$ 2,849,608	\$ 585,312	\$ 3,434,920	\$ 10,511,110	27%	25.10%
June 30, 2018	0.130661%	2,544,578	567,888	3,112,466	8,294,347	31%	28.45%
June 30, 2019	0.125753%	2,086,405	401,023	2,487,428	8,300,063	25%	36.02%
June 30, 2020	0.121118%	534,965	115,534	650,499	8,078,598	7%	43.53%
June 30, 2021	0.125214%	(37,390)	(7,362)	(44,752)	8,125,937	0%	101.81%
June 30, 2022	0.130124%	142,756	54,612	197,368	8,212,244	2%	93.59%
June 30, 2023	0.137765%	(206,214)	(88,018)	(294,232)	8,317,330	3%	109.66%

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Measurement Date	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actuarial Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2017	\$ 245,958	\$ 245,958	\$ -	\$ 10,511,110	2.34%
June 30, 2018	242,367	260,968	(18,601)	8,294,347	2.92%
June 30, 2019	243,341	246,164	(2,823)	8,300,063	2.93%
June 30, 2020	234,106	230,598	3,508	8,078,598	2.90%
June 30, 2021	229,302	139,888	89,414	8,125,937	2.82%
June 30, 2022	184,601	111,840	72,761	8,212,244	2.25%
June 30, 2023	130,681	786	129,895	8,317,330	1.57%

These schedules are intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as change in benefit terms or assumptions. With only three years reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in notes. Information, if necessary, can be obtained from the RHBT financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024**

	Administrative Division	WVNET Division	Corporation	Eliminations	Combined
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 99,807,832	\$ 7,777,674	\$ 8,078,162	\$ -	\$ 115,663,668
Appropriations Due from Primary Government	5,678,988	-	-	-	5,678,988
Accounts Receivable - Net	1,593,589	2,526,032	669,410	-	4,789,031
Lease Asset Receivable	-	-	1,345,413	-	1,345,413
Interest Receivable	1,375,649	25,162	12,389	-	1,413,200
Prepaid Expense	-	206,459	154,341	-	360,800
Receivable from Institutions - Current Portion	7,348,529	-	-	-	7,348,529
Total Current Assets	<u>115,804,587</u>	<u>10,535,327</u>	<u>10,259,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,599,629</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13,741,851	-	-	-	13,741,851
Accounts Receivable Noncurrent	2,388,971	-	-	-	2,388,971
Net OPEB Asset	97,537	108,677	-	-	206,214
Lease Asset Receivable	-	-	3,773,513	-	3,773,513
Receivable from Institutions	23,113,019	-	-	-	23,113,019
Leased Assets - Net	17,128	-	-	-	17,128
SBITA Assets - Net	1,052,482	3,032,089	-	-	4,084,571
Capital Assets - Net	2,809,665	638,845	58,749,352	-	62,197,862
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>43,220,653</u>	<u>3,779,611</u>	<u>62,522,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,523,129</u>
Total Assets	159,025,240	14,314,938	72,782,580	-	246,122,758
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred Loss on Refunding	10,319,014	-	-	-	10,319,014
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	45,451	69,635	-	-	115,086
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	90,207	6,680	-	-	96,887
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>10,454,672</u>	<u>76,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,530,987</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 169,479,912</u>	<u>\$ 14,391,253</u>	<u>\$ 72,782,580</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 256,653,745</u>

**WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024**

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	Administrative Division	WVNET Division	Corporation	Eliminations	Combined
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 532,948	\$ 409,877	\$ 598,683	\$ -	\$ 1,541,508
Amounts Due to Institutions and Affiliates	1,639,001	-	-	-	1,639,001
Accrued Liabilities	349,716	183,969	126,135	-	659,820
Compensated Absences - Current Portion	479,300	290,805	-	-	770,105
Interest Payable	8,790,131	-	-	-	8,790,131
Lease Liability- Current Portion	3,868	-	-	-	3,868
Notes Payable - Current Portion	-	-	603,675	-	603,675
SBITA Liability - Current Portion	481,470	1,511,591	-	-	1,993,061
Bonds Payable - Current Portion	17,230,528	-	-	-	17,230,528
Total Current Liabilities	29,506,962	2,396,242	1,328,493	-	33,231,697
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES					
Compensated Absences	202,361	64,923	-	-	267,284
Future Interest Payable	23,565,972	-	-	-	23,565,972
Net Pension Liability	254,170	-	-	-	254,170
Lease Liability	13,316	-	-	-	13,316
Notes Payable	-	-	7,527,418	-	7,527,418
SBITA Liability	529,435	1,574,853	-	-	2,104,288
Bonds Payable	214,154,591	-	-	-	214,154,591
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	238,719,845	1,639,776	7,527,418	-	247,887,039
Total Liabilities	268,226,807	4,036,018	8,855,911	-	281,118,736
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	134,375	125,706	-	-	260,081
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	24,329	54,994	-	-	79,323
Deferred Inflows Related to Leases	-	-	6,461,461	-	6,461,461
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	158,704	180,700	6,461,461	-	6,800,865
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	268,385,511	4,216,718	15,317,372	-	287,919,601
NET POSITION					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(215,143,514)	638,845	50,618,259	217,823,848	53,937,438
Restricted - Expendable	111,686,687	3,032,090	-	-	114,718,777
Unrestricted	4,551,228	6,503,600	6,846,949	(217,823,848)	(199,922,071)
Total Net Position	(98,905,599)	10,174,535	57,465,208	-	(31,265,856)
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	\$ 169,479,912	\$ 14,391,253	\$ 72,782,580	\$ -	\$ 256,653,745

(A) To reclass negative net assets invested in capital assets net of related debt to unrestricted net position.

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Administrative Division	WVNET Division	Corporation	Eliminations	Combined
OPERATING REVENUES					
Institutional Collections	\$ -	\$ 3,396,589	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,396,589
Contracts and Grants:					
Federal	4,478,246	262,500	-	-	4,740,746
State	43,964,860	-	2,346,738	(1,760,254) (B)	44,551,344
Private	46,500	-	-	-	46,500
Rental Income	-	-	7,480,992	-	7,480,992
Sales and Services of Educational Activities	-	4,085,087	-	-	4,085,087
Miscellaneous - Net	-	-	475,281	-	475,281
Total Operating Revenues	<u>48,489,606</u>	<u>7,744,176</u>	<u>10,303,011</u>	<u>(1,760,254)</u>	<u>64,776,539</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and Wages	5,477,198	3,323,907	1,402,695	-	10,203,800
Benefits	1,074,466	528,278	416,461	-	2,019,205
Supplies and Other Services	4,986,223	1,527,999	2,291,288	-	8,805,510
Utilities	-	128,677	3,418,886	-	3,547,563
Depreciation and Amortization	1,055,111	2,211,742	2,336,088	-	5,602,941
Total Operating Expenses	<u>12,592,998</u>	<u>7,720,603</u>	<u>9,865,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,179,019</u>
OPERATING LOSS	35,896,608	23,573	437,593	(1,760,254)	34,597,520
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
State Appropriations	183,328,792	1,873,368	-	-	185,202,160
State Lottery Appropriations	52,024,142	-	-	-	52,024,142
Investment Income	3,750,024	247,601	-	-	3,997,625
Payments Made on Behalf of the Commission	1,158	70,105	-	-	71,263
Payments from Institutions:					
Interest	6,364,348	-	-	-	6,364,348
Other	464,763	-	-	-	464,763
Interest on Indebtedness	(13,028,960)	(165,966)	(209,140)	-	(13,404,066)
Student Financial Aid and Other					
Payments to Institutions	(166,473,038)	-	-	-	(166,473,038)
Federal Revenue	(274,713)	-	-	-	(274,713)
Other Nonoperating Revenues - Net	66,726	-	(868,979)	-	(802,253)
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>66,223,242</u>	<u>2,025,108</u>	<u>(1,078,119)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,170,231</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OTHER REVENUES, EXPENSES, GAINS, LOSSES, OR TRANSFERS	102,119,850	2,048,681	(640,526)	(1,760,254)	101,767,751
PAYMENTS AND TRANSFERS TO INSTITUTIONS AND OUTSIDE ENTITIES	<u>(44,619,991)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,760,254 (B)</u>	<u>(42,859,737)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	57,499,859	2,048,681	(640,526)	-	58,908,014
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(156,405,458)</u>	<u>8,125,854</u>	<u>58,105,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(90,173,870)</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (98,905,599)</u>	<u>\$ 10,174,535</u>	<u>\$ 57,465,208</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (31,265,856)</u>

(B) To eliminate inter-entity revenue/expense.



**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 Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
Charleston, West Virginia

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 West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (the Commission) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the West Virginia Regional Technology Park Corporation, as described in our report on the Commission's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by the auditors of the West Virginia Regional Technology Park Corporation.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
October 15, 2024



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