Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission

Communication with Those Charged with Governance

December 31, 2024





March 24, 2025

To the Board of Commissioners Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission for the year ended December 31, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 14, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission are described in Note A to the financial statements. The Commission changed accounting policies related to leases and subscription leases by adopting GASB 87, Leases, and GASB 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. The Commission also changed accounting policies related to compensated absences for sick leave by adopting GASB 101, Compensated Absences. We noted no transactions entered into by Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of amortization and depreciation expense which are based on the value of the asset being recognized on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the amortization and depreciation expense in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of right-of-use asset and lease liability which are based on the lease agreement and are amortized utilizing applicable interest schedules. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the right-of-use asset and lease liability in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the fair value of Level 1 investments which are based on the respective statements received from the financial institutions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair values in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the allocation of indirect costs are based on allocation percentages developed by management. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allocation of indirect costs in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible receivables are based on review of the aging, historic payment information, and correspondence with customer/donor. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop allowance for uncollectible receivables in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure(s) affecting the financial statements was (were):

- Debt (Note F)
- Leases (Note H)
- Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements (Note I)
- Building Sale (Note J)

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. See Attachment A for a schedule of uncorrected misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 24, 2025.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Commission's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners and management of Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Attachment A – Uncorrected Misstatements

Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Annotation	Debit	Credit
PAJE #1	12/31/2024	Unrstrctd Net Assets	3000	R02		13,048.00	
PAJE #1	12/31/2024	Legal Services	5107.5	R02			13,048.00
		To adjust 2023 net assets for					
		legal invoices that were expensed in 2024 but sho	uld have been expensed in 2023				
PAJE #2	12/31/2024	Right to Use Asset	1706	R03		21,486.00	
PAJE #2	12/31/2024	Lease Liability	2207	R03			18,038.00
PAJE #2	12/31/2024	Business Admin & Ops:Enterprise Cloud, Apps & I	5107.07	R03			3,448.00
		To recognize subscription					
		agreement asset and liability as of 12/31/2023					
PAJE #3	12/31/2024	Unrstrctd Net Assets	3000	M02		150,000.00	
PAJE #3	12/31/2024	Grantmaking	5200	M02			150,000.00
		To accrue for the grant expenses					
		paid to Explore St. Louis as of 12/31/2023					



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March 24, 2025

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Regional Cultural and Performing Arts Development Commission (the "Commission"), which comprise of the Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the respective Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds and, where applicable, Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered to be material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of March 24, 2025, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated January 14, 2025, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and for preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 7) Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

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- 8) The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole for each opinion unit. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter.
- 9) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 10) Significant estimates and material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Commission is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.
- 12) We have reviewed our estimated income and estimated cash flow requirements, including estimated debt payments and the ability to locate additional financing (as needed) and have concluded that we can operate the entity as a going concern for the next 12 months from the date of the audit report date forward.
- 13) The Schedule of Expenses has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and accurately reflects the allocation of expenses among program services and administrative services. We confirm that the Commission is committed to limiting administrative costs to no more than fifteen percent of annual revenues. This limitation has been consistently applied in the preparation of the Schedule of Expenses.

Information Provided

14) We have provided you with:

- a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general ledger), documentation, and other matters and all relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
- b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
- c) Unrestricted access to persons within the Commission from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- d) Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Commissioners or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 15) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 16) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 17) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Commission and involves—
 - Management,
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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- 18) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Commission's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 19) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or waste or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 20) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 21) We have disclosed to you the names of the Commission's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.

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- 22) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 23) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 24) The Commission has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or net position.
- 25) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 26) We have appropriately identified, recorded, and disclosed all leases in accordance with GASBS No. 87.
- 27) We have appropriately identified, recorded, and disclosed subscription-based information technology arrangements in accordance with <u>GASBS No. 96</u>.
- 28) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 29) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 30) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and disclosures and schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and disclosures and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 31) The Commission has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.

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- 32) The Commission has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 33) The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 34) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by GASBS No. 84, as amended.
- 35) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASBS No. 34, as amended.
- 36) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in <u>GASBS Nos. 34</u> and <u>37</u> for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 37) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 38) Investments, derivative instrument transactions, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
- 39) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.

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- 40) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 41) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 42) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 43) Deposits and investment securities and derivative instrument transactions are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
- 44) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
- 45) We have appropriately disclosed the Commission's 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 is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 46) We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 47) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.

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- 48) With respect to the schedules of grant awards approved, schedules of grant awards payable, and schedules of expenses:
 - a) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the schedules of grant awards approved, schedules of grant awards payable, and schedules of expenses in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the schedules of grant awards approved, schedules of grant awards payable, and schedules of expenses, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the schedules of grant awards approved, schedules of grant awards payable, and schedules of expenses have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
 - b) If the schedules of grant awards approved, schedules of grant awards payable, and schedules of expenses is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
- 49) With respect to federal award programs:
 - a) We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with, the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
 - b) We acknowledge our responsibility for preparing and presenting the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) and related disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.
 - c) If the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFA no later than the date we issue the SEFA and the auditor's report thereon.
 - d) We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit, and have included in the SEFA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of federal awards, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.
 - e) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major program.
 - f) We are responsible for establishing, designing, implementing, and maintaining, and have established, designed, implemented, and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended.

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- g) We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relevant to federal programs and related activities.
- h) We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- i) We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements, including when applicable, those set forth in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* relating to federal awards and confirm that there were no amounts questioned and no known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards.
- j) We have disclosed any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- k) We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- I) Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB's Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200, subpart E).
- m) We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- n) We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- o) We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
- p) There are no such known instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
- q) No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
- r) Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
- s) The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- t) We have monitored subrecipients, as necessary, to determine that they have expended subawards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward and have met the other pass-through entity requirements of the Uniform Guidance.

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- u) We have issued management decisions for audit findings that relate to federal awards made to subrecipients and such management decisions have been issued within six months of acceptance of the audit report by the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Additionally, we have followed-up ensuring that the subrecipient has taken timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies detected through audits, on-site reviews, and other means that pertain to the federal award provided to the subrecipient.
- v) We have considered the results of subrecipient audits and have made any necessary adjustments to our books and records.
- w) We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.

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- x) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance, and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- y) We are responsible for and have ensured the reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.
- z) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.
- aa) We are responsible for taking corrective action on each audit finding of the compliance audit and have developed a corrective action plan that meets the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
- bb) We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with service organizations, and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organizations relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.

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