

Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President of the Senate Commonwealth of Massachusetts

We have audited the statement of available resources and expenditures – statutory basis (financial statement) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Joint Accounts of the Legislature for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated September 4, 2024. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our statement of work dated November 7, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant audit findings

Qualitative aspects of accounting practices

Accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The financial statement is prepared on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' statutory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The significant accounting policies used by the Joint Accounts of the Legislature are described in Note 1 to the financial statement.

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022.

We noted no transactions entered into by the entity during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statement in the proper period.

Accounting estimates

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. There were no accounting estimates affecting the financial statement which were particularly sensitive or required substantial judgments by management.

Financial statement disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

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

Difficulties encountered in performing the audit

Our audit was significantly delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Uncorrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

Corrected misstatements

Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any financial statement misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures.

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 auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

Circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors' report

As previously communicated to you, the report was modified to reflect the financial statement was prepared on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' statutory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 4, 2024.

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 entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' 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.

Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement

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

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Supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole

With respect to the detailed schedule of available resources and expenditures – statutory basis (the supplementary information) accompanying the financial statement, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the financial statement as a whole, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period or the reasons for such changes, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statement. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself. We have issued our report thereon dated September 4, 2024.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use management, the Joint Accounts of the Legislature, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Boston, Massachusetts September 4, 2024