



Members of the Board of Trustees
Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying the schedule of employer and non-employer allocations of the Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota (TRA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the total of the columns titled net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense, current reporting period only, of the TRA as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, included in the accompanying schedule of pension amounts by entity, and the respective related notes, and have issued our report thereon dated July 25, 2023. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit verbally on March 14, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant audit findings or issues

Qualitative aspects of accounting practices

Accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by TRA are described in the related notes to the schedules.

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 schedules in the proper period.

Accounting estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial schedules 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 following is management's description of the process utilized in forming estimates for the total pension liability.

The actuarial valuations were based on the actuarial assumptions and methods adopted by the Board. In accordance with GASB 67, the total pension liability of the retirement portion of the TRA assumptions used to develop the estimate of the total pension liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial schedules taken as a whole.

Schedules disclosures

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

The disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant unusual transactions

We identified no significant unusual transactions.

Difficulties encountered in performing the audit

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

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 misstatements to the schedules.

Corrected misstatements

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

Disagreements with management

For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on 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.

Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the attached management representation letter dated July 25, 2023.

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.

Our auditors' opinion, the audited schedules, and the related notes to schedules should only be used in their entirety. Inclusion of the audited schedules in a document you prepare, such as an annual report, should be done only with our prior approval and review of the document.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Members of the Board of Trustees and management of the Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the schedule of employer and non-employer allocations of the Teachers Retirement Association of Minnesota (TRA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the total of the columns titled net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense, current reporting period only, of the TRA as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, included in the accompanying schedule of pension amounts by entity, and the respective related notes, collectively referred to herein as “the schedules”, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the schedules 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 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.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of July 25, 2023, the following representations made to you during your audit.

The Schedules


1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the Contract between the State of Minnesota, acting through its TRA and CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (Contract No. 223300), for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedules in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. We acknowledge and have fulfilled our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the schedules.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. All significant plan amendments, adopted during the period or subsequent to the date of the schedules, and their effects on benefits and financial status have been disclosed.
5. Significant estimates have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP. Significant estimates are estimates at the report date that could change materially within the next year.
6. Related party relationships and transactions, including, but not limited to, revenues, expenditures/expenses, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.

7. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the report date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to the schedules.
8. We have not identified or been notified of any uncorrected misstatements regarding the schedules.
9. With respect to actuarial assumptions and valuations:
 - a. Management agrees with the actuarial methods and assumptions used by the actuary in determining the total pension liability and have no knowledge or belief that would make such methods or assumptions inappropriate in the circumstances. We did not give any, nor cause any, instructions to be given to TRA's actuary with respect to values or amounts derived, and we are not aware of any matters that have impacted the independence or objectivity of TRA's actuary.
 - b. There were no omissions from the participant data provided to the actuary for the purpose of determining the total pension liability and other actuarially determined amounts in the schedules.
 - c. There have been no changes in the actuarial methods or assumptions used in calculating the amounts recorded in the schedules. There have been no material changes in plan provisions between the actuarial valuation date and the date of this letter, except as we have disclosed to you as well as in the schedules.

Information Provided

1. 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 schedules such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. All actuarial reports prepared for the plan during the year.
2. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the schedules.
3. We have discussed with you the results of our assessment of the risk that the schedules may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
4. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - a. Management;

- b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. Others when the fraud could have a material effect on the schedules
5. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's schedules communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
 6. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations and provisions of contracts, or abuse whose effects should be considered when preparing the schedules.
 7. 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 schedules in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
 8. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
 9. We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
 10. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts applicable to the schedules, and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of amounts included in the schedules or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
 11. TRA has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the schedules in the event of noncompliance.

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