





**SANDUSKY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
SANDUSKY COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2025**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Sandusky County  
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To the Board of Commissioners:

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority, Sandusky County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority, Sandusky County, Ohio as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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 the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority'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, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions 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 opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The Financial Data Schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 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 audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Financial Data Schedule and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 26, 2025, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and 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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State



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December 26, 2025

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**SANDUSKY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority's (the Authority) Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the Authority's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the Authority's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), and (d) identify individual issues or concerns.

Since the MD&A is designed to focus on the fiscal year-end 2025 activities, resulting changes and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Authority's total net position increased by \$29,694 (or 1.41 percent) during the fiscal year ended 2025. Since the Authority engages only in business-type activities, the increase is all in the category of business-type net position. Net position was \$2,134,317 and \$2,104,623 for 2025 and 2024, respectively.
- The business-type activities revenue increased by \$148,056 (or 6.34 percent) during the fiscal year ended 2025. Revenues were \$2,485,083 and \$2,337,027 for 2025 and 2024, respectively.
- The total expenses of all Authority programs increased by \$94,931 (or 4.02 percent). Total expenses were \$2,455,389 and \$2,360,458 for 2025 and 2024, respectively.
- The Authority executed modifications of its contracts for housing services relationship with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities (SCBDD) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Additional funding increments totaling \$38,600 was provided the Authority to expand the Program through which the parties work together to develop, acquire, renovate, and manage residential rental properties for persons with disabilities for Sandusky County, Ohio.

**USING THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

The focus is on the Authority as a single enterprise fund. This format will allow the user to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison (fiscal year to fiscal year or Authority to Authority) and enhance the Authority's accountability.

***Basic Financial Statements***

The basic financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all business-type activities are consolidated to an entity-wide total for the Authority.

These statements include a Statement of Net Position, which is similar to a Balance Sheet. The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources for the Authority. The statement is presented in the format where assets and deferred outflows of resources, minus liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, equal "Net Position", similar to equity. Assets and liabilities are presented in order of liquidity, and are classified as "Current" (convertible into cash within one year), and "Non-current".

The focus of the Statement of Net Position (the "Unrestricted Net Position") is designed to represent the net available liquid (non-capital) assets, net of liabilities, for the entire Authority. Net Position (similar to equity) is reported in three broad categories:

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Net Investment in Capital Assets: This component of Net Position consists of all Capital Assets, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings and liabilities that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted Net Position: This component of Net Position consists of restricted assets, when constraints are placed on the asset by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, etc.

Unrestricted Net Position: Consists of Net Position that do not meet the definition of “Net Investment in Capital Assets”, or “Restricted Net Position”. This account resembles the old operating reserves account.

The basic financial statements also include a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position (similar to an Income Statement). This statement includes Operating Revenues, such as rental income; Operating Expenses, such as administrative, utilities, and maintenance, and depreciation; and Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses, such as grant revenue, investment income, and interest expense.

The focus of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position is the “Change in Net Position”, which is similar to Net Income or Loss.

Finally, a Statement of Cash Flows is included, which discloses net cash provided by, or used for operating activities, non-capital financing activities, and from capital and related financing activities, and from non-cash investing, capital, and financing activities.

The Authority’s programs that are consolidated into a single enterprise fund are as follows:

**Project Total (PH and CFP)** – Under the Conventional Public Housing Program, the Authority rents units that it owns to low-income households. The Conventional Public Housing Program is operated under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD, and HUD provides Operating Subsidy and Capital Grant funding to enable the PHA to provide the housing at a rent that is based upon 30 percent of household income. The Conventional Public Housing Program also includes the Capital Fund Program, which is the primary funding source for physical and management improvements to the Authority’s properties.

**Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)** – Under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Authority subsidizes rents to independent landlords that own the property. The Authority subsidizes the family’s rent through a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) made to the landlord. The program is administered under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD. HUD provides funding to enable the Authority to structure a lease that requires the participant to pay a rent based on a percentage of their adjusted gross household income, typically 30%, and the Housing Authority subsidizes the balance.

**Mainstream Voucher Program** – The Mainstream Voucher Program assist non-elderly persons with disabilities. Aside from serving a special population, mainstream vouchers are administered using the same rules as other Housing Choice Voucher Program.

**State & Local** – The State & Local Fund was set up to track grant money received for low-income housing programs through state and local sources.

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**AUTHORITY STATEMENTS**

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position compared to prior year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

**Table 1- Condensed Statement of Net Position**

	2025	2024
<b><u>Current Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 752,381	\$ 773,223
Capital Assets	2,323,214	2,296,141
Other Noncurrent Assets	12,307	4,693
Deferred Outflows of Resources	21,705	39,193
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 3,109,607</b>	<b>\$ 3,113,250</b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position</u></b>		
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current Liabilities	\$ 124,554	\$ 118,931
Non current Liabilities	847,279	886,600
Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,457	3,096
<b>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>975,290</b>	<b>1,008,627</b>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,486,290	1,431,880
Restricted Net Position	21,968	10,622
Unrestricted Net Position	626,059	662,121
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>2,134,317</b>	<b>2,104,623</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 3,109,607</b>	<b>\$ 3,113,250</b>

For more detailed information, see Statement of Net Position presented elsewhere in this report.

**Major Factors Affecting the Statement of Net Position:**

Total assets and total liabilities each changed minimally from the last fiscal year-end, with assets increasing \$13,845 and liabilities decreasing \$33,698. Total net position increased \$29,694, with the biggest changes to the components of net investment in capital assets, which increased \$54,410, and unrestricted net position which decreased \$36,062. Those changes in the components of net position reflect the capital additions in the period along with routine debt retirement.

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**Table 2 - Change of Net Position**

	Unrestricted	Net Investment in Capital Assets	Restricted
Beginning Balance	\$ 662,121	\$ 1,431,880	\$ 10,622
Results of Operations	18,348	0	11,346
Adjustments:			
Current Year Depreciation Expense (1)	162,866	(162,866)	0
Capital Expenditures (2)	(189,939)	189,939	0
Retirement of Debt (2)	(74,877)	74,877	0
New Debt Incurred (2)	38,600	(38,600)	0
Retirement of Lease Liability (2)	(2,292)	2,292	
New Lease Liability Incurred (2)	11,232	(11,232)	0
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 626,059</b>	<b>\$ 1,486,290</b>	<b>\$ 21,968</b>

(1) Depreciation is treated as an expense and reduces the results of operations but does not have an impact on Unrestricted Net Position.

(2) Capital and related expenditures of debt represent an outflow of Unrestricted Net Position, but are not treated as an expense against Results of Operations and, therefore, are adjusted against

While the results of operations are a significant measure of the Authority's activities, the analysis of the changes in Unrestricted Net Position provides a clearer change of financial position.

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current and previous fiscal year. The Authority is engaged only in Business-Type Activities.

**Table 3- Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position**

	2025	2024
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
Total Tenant Revenues	\$ 205,067	\$ 168,117
Operating Subsidies	2,128,017	2,048,722
Capital Grants	75,818	50,309
Interest Income	222	225
Other Revenues	75,959	69,654
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,485,083</b>	<b>2,337,027</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Administrative	310,981	308,684
Utilities	17,675	13,423
Maintenance	260,851	286,586
General and Interest	67,026	66,175
Housing Assistance Payments	1,635,990	1,526,623
Depreciation	162,866	158,967
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,455,389</b>	<b>2,360,458</b>
Net (Decrease) in Net Position	29,694	(23,431)
Beginning Net Position	2,104,623	2,128,054
<b>Ending Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 2,134,317</b>	<b>\$ 2,104,623</b>

For more detailed information, see statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position presented elsewhere in this report.

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**MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION**

Overall incomes increased \$148,056 (or 6.3%) and overall expenses increased \$94,931 (or 4.0%). The changes to incomes were primarily to tenant revenues, operating subsidies and capital grants on the income side, and HAP expense on the expense side of the statement.

Tenant revenues increased largely as a result of increases in rental amounts for the units owned through the state and local program. It had been two years since rents were increased. Capital grant revenue comes from the Capital Fund Program. It represents how much of the grant spent in the period was for capital improvements to the Public Housing properties. In total revenue from the Capital Fund Program decreased \$7,579 from the prior fiscal year-end, but the part of the spending on what is considered capital improvements increased \$25,509. Otherwise the increase in operating subsidies revenue was in the funding provided for the Housing choice Voucher program to be used by the Authority to make rental assistance payments on behalf of program participants. HUD provides that part of the funding for the Housing Choice Voucher program based on spending for that purpose. The expense recorded when the Authority makes the rental assistance payments is HAP expense, so the increase in HAP expense is tied to the increase in this revenue. And the increase in HAP expense is largely related to increased program utilization over the prior fiscal-year, meaning the Authority was able to help more families in this period.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

As of year-end, the Authority had \$2,323,214 invested in a variety of capital assets as reflected in the following schedule, which represents a net increase of \$27,073, or 1.18 percent, from the end of 2024.

**Table 4- Capital Assets at Year-End (Net of Depreciation)**

	2025	2024
Land	\$ 757,978	\$ 757,978
Building and Improvement	5,597,380	5,418,673
Equipment	254,623	248,662
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,286,767)	(4,129,172)
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,323,214</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,296,141</u></u>

The following reconciliation identified the change in Capital Assets:

**Table 5 - Change in Capital Assets**

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,296,141
Current Year Additions	189,939
Current Year Deletions	0
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(162,866)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,323,214</u></u>

For additional information see Note 4.

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The Authority has an equipment lease liability at June 20, 2025. The following summarizes the change in the lease liability from last fiscal year-end.

**Table 6 - Change in Lease Liability**

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,383
Current Year Additions	11,232
Current Year Retired	<u>(2,292)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,323</u></b>

As of year-end, the change in the Authority's outstanding debt was as follows:

**Table 7 - Debt Outstanding**

Beginning Balance	\$ 860,878
Current Year Debt Incurred	38,600
Current Year Debt Retired	<u>(74,877)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 824,601</u></b>

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

Significant economic factors affecting the Authority are as follows:

- Federal funding of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Local inflationary, recessionary, and employment trends, which can affect resident incomes and therefore the amount of rental income
- Inflationary pressure on utility rates, supplies, and other costs
- Unknown financial and operational impacts.

**FINANCIAL CONTACT**

If you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact Ralph Chamberlain, Executive Director of the Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority at (419) 334-4426.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2025**

**ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

**Current Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents:	\$ 654,032
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	28,148
Receivables, Net	54,504
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	15,697
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>752,381</b>

**Non-Current Assets**

**Capital Assets**

Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	757,978
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	1,565,236
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>2,323,214</b>
Net OPEB Asset	12,307
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>2,335,521</b>

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Pension	20,038
OPEB	1,667
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>21,705</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 3,109,607</b>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION**

**LIABILITIES**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$ 21,746
Accrued Liabilities	2,456
Tenant Security Deposits	18,487
Unearned Revenue	1,029
Lease Liability - Current Portion	2,649
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	78,187
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>124,554</b>

**Non-Current Liabilities**

Long-Term Debt - Net of Current	746,414
Lease Liability - Net of Current	9,674
Accrued Compensated Absences - Net of Current	8,574
Net Pension Liability	82,617
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>847,279</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>971,833</b>
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**DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES**

Pension	1,081
OPEB	2,376
<b>Total Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>	<b>3,457</b>

**NET POSITION**

Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,486,290
Restricted Net Position	21,968
Unrestricted Net Position	626,059
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>2,134,317</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 3,109,607</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**Operating Revenues**

Tenant Revenue	\$ 205,067
Government Operating Grants	2,128,017
Other Revenue	<u>9,799</u>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<u><u>2,342,883</u></u>

**Operating Expenses**

Administrative	310,981
Utilities	17,675
Maintenance	260,851
General and Insurance	63,272
Housing Assistance Payments	1,635,990
Depreciation	<u>162,866</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u><u>2,451,635</u></u>
Operating Loss	<u><u>(108,752)</u></u>

**Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)**

Capital Grant Revenue	75,818
Debt Forgiven	66,160
Interest Income	222
Interest Expense	<u>(3,754)</u>
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<u><u>138,446</u></u>
Change in Net Position	29,694

Beginning Net Position	<u><u>2,104,623</u></u>
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<b>Ending Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,134,317</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

Operating Grants Received	\$ 2,177,276
Receipts from Tenants	196,583
Other Revenue Received	5,028
Cash Payments for Operating Expenses	(646,604)
Cash Payments for HAP	(1,635,990)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>96,293</b>

**Cash Flows from Investing Activities**

Interest Earned	222
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**Cash Flows from Capital and Financing Activities**

Debt Proceeds	38,600
Lease Liability Proceeds	11,232
Payments on Lease Liability	(2,292)
Lease Liability Interest Payments	(322)
Capital Grant Funds Received	75,818
Capital Asset Purchases	(189,939)
Debt Interest Payments	(3,432)
Retirement of Debt	(8,717)
<b>Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	<b>(79,052)</b>
Net Increase in Cash	17,463

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	664,717
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<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 682,180</b>
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**Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Net Operating Loss	\$ (108,752)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	162,866
(Increase) Decrease in:	
Accounts Receivable	39,570
Prepaid Expenses	(1,265)
OPEB Assets	(7,614)
Deferred Outflows	17,488
Increase (Decrease) in:	
Accounts Payable	(1,644)
Accrued Liabilities	5,245
Tenant Security Deposits	(269)
Unearned Revenue	(3,297)
Pension/OPEB Liability	(6,396)
Deferred Inflows	361

<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ 96,293</b>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization and Reporting Entity**

The Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority (the Authority) is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, located in Fremont, Ohio, created under Section 3735.27 of the Ohio Revised Code, to engage in the acquisition, development, leasing and administration of low-rent housing program. An Annual Contributions Contract was signed by the Authority and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) Section 1.1. The Authority was also created in accordance with state law to eliminate housing conditions which are detrimental to the public peace, health, safety, morals, or welfare by purchasing, acquiring constructing, maintenance, operating, improving, extending, and repairing housing facilities.

The nucleus of the financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 is the “primary government”. A fundamental characteristic of a primary government is that it is a fiscally independent entity. In evaluating how to define the financial reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units. A component unit is a legally separate entity for which the primary government is financially accountable. The criteria of financial accountability is the ability of the primary government to impose its will upon the potential component unit. This criterion was considered in determining the reporting entity. The Authority is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio and has no component units.

**Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance, Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, the Authority follows GASB guidance as applicable to enterprise funds.

The Authority’s basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

The Authority uses a single enterprise fund to maintain its financial records on an accrual basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the Authority are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Authority's enterprise fund are charges to tenants for rent and operating subsidies from HUD. Operating expenses for the enterprise fund include the costs of facility maintenance, housing assistance payments, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

**Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Costs that materially add to the productive capacity or extend the life of an asset are capitalized, while maintenance repair costs are expensed as incurred.

Useful life of property and equipment is as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Land and Building Improvements	15 years
Equipment	7 years
Autos	5 years

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method. Total depreciation expense for the 2025 fiscal year was \$162,866.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Authority considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value. Cost-based measures of fair value are applied to nonnegotiable certificates of deposit and money market investments.

**Compensated Absences**

The Authority recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled during or upon separation from employment. The liability is incurred in the proprietary fund financial statements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable.

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NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Compensated Absences** (Continued)

Vacation – The Authority’s policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused benefits, which are eligible for payments at the employee’s current pay rate upon separation from employment.

Sick – The Authority’s policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees’ wage rates at year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the Authority’s termination policy. The Authority adopted the last-in-first-out (LIFO) method for sick time used

**Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings, or other liabilities incurred, used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

**Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability(asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Authority, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 5 and 6.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the Authority, deferred inflows of resources include pension and OPEB. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. The deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 5 and 6.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Budgetary Accounting**

The Authority annually prepares funding requests as prescribed by HUD. Budgets are submitted to HUD when applicable. Budgets are adopted by the Board of the Authority.

**Allocation of Costs**

The Authority allocated expenses not attributable to a specific program to all programs under management. The basis for this allocation was the number of units in each program or estimated actual usage. Management considers this to be an equitable method of allocation.

**Change in Accounting Principle**

*GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences* The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statements users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. These changes were incorporated in the Authority's financial statements; however, there was no effect on the beginning net position.

**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Authority follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*. This standard revised the requirement regarding disclosure of custodial credit risk and establishes requirements for disclosures regarding credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk.

**Deposits**

State statutes classify monies held by the Authority into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Authority's Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Authority had identified as not required for use within the current two-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed to immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

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**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

At June 30, 2025, the Authority had undeposited cash on hand (petty cash) of \$120.

At June 30, 2025, the carrying amount of the Authority's cash deposits was \$682,180 and the bank balance was \$692,172. Based on criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investments Risk Disclosures*, as of June 30, 2025, deposits totaling \$250,000 were covered by Federal Depository Insurance, while the balance of \$442,172 was collateralized by securities pledged in the name of the Authority.

Custodial credit is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned. The Authority's policy is to place deposits with major local banks approved by the Board. Multiple financial institution collateral pools that insure public deposits held by fiscal and escrow agents are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105 percent of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code, is held in financial institution pools at Federal Reserve banks, or at member banks of the Federal Reserve system in the name of the respective depository bank, and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds, or as specific collateral held at a Federal Reserve bank in the name of the Authority.

**Investments**

HUD, State Statute, and Board resolutions authorize the Authority to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market deposit accounts, municipal depository funds, super NOW accounts, sweep accounts, separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities, mutual funds, bonds and other obligations of this State, and the State Treasurer's investment pool. Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Authority and must be purchased with the exception that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

The Authority has a formal investment policy. The objective of this policy shall be to maintain liquidity and protection of principal while earning investment interest. Safety of principal is the primary objective of the investment program. The Authority follows GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, and records all its investments at fair value. At June 30, 2025, the Authority has no investments.

**Interest Rate Risk**

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value of losses caused by rising interest rates, the Authority's investment policy requires those funds which are not operating reserve funds to be invested in investments with a maximum term of one year or the Authority's operating cycle. For investments of the Authority's operating reserve funds, the maximum term can be up to three years. The intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity.

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NOTE 2: **DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

**Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Authority has no investment policy that would further limit investment choices.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Generally, the Authority places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one financial institution. The Authority's investment policy limits investments in a single security type or with a single financial institution to 50 percent of the total investment portfolio. The Authority's deposits in financial institutions represent 100 percent of its deposits.

**Foreign Currency Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or deposit. As of year-end, the Authority had no exposure to foreign currency rate risk, as regulated by HUD.

**Restricted Cash**

Restricted cash at June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Tenant Security Deposits	\$ 18,487
Unspent Funding to make Housing Assistance Payments	9,661
<b>Total Restricted Cash</b>	<b><u>\$ 28,148</u></b>

NOTE 3: **CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2025, by class is as follows:

Land	\$ 757,978
Building and Building Improvements	5,597,380
Furniture, Equipment - Dwelling	47,451
Furniture, Equipment - Administration	192,684
Intangible Right to use Lease Equipment	14,488
Total	<u>6,609,981</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,286,767)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<b><u>\$ 2,323,214</u></b>



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**NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

A summary of changes in capital assets during the year is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2025
<b><u>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</u></b>				
Land	\$ 757,978	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 757,978
<b>Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</b>	<u>757,978</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 757,978</u>
<b><u>Capital Assets Being Depreciated</u></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	5,418,673	178,707	0	5,597,380
Furniture, Equipment, and Machinery				
Dwelling	47,451	0	0	47,451
Administration	192,684	0	0	192,684
Intangible Right-to-use Lease - Equipment	8,527	11,232	(5,271)	14,488
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated</b>	<u>5,667,335</u>	<u>189,939</u>	<u>(5,271)</u>	<u>5,852,003</u>
<b><u>Accumulated Depreciation</u></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	(3,912,799)	(153,658)	0	(4,066,457)
Furniture, Equipment, and Machinery	(211,084)	(6,730)	0	(217,814)
Intangible Right-to-use Lease - Equipment	(5,289)	(2,478)	5,271	(2,496)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<u>(4,129,172)</u>	<u>(162,866)</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>(4,286,767)</u>
Depreciable Assets, Net	<u>1,538,163</u>	<u>27,073</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,565,236</u>
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	<u>\$ 2,296,141</u>	<u>\$ 27,073</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,323,214</u>

**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The changes in the Authority's long-term liabilities during the year were as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2025	Amounts Due In One Year
<b><u>Business-Type Activities</u></b>					
Mortgages Payable	\$ 51,967	\$ 0	\$ (8,717)	\$ 43,250	\$ 9,453
Forgivable Loans	808,911	38,600	(66,160)	781,351	68,734
Net Pension Liability	89,013	0	(6,396)	82,617	0
Lease Liability	3,383	11,232	(2,292)	12,323	2,649
Compensated Absence Liability *	4,163	4,411	0	8,574	0
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 957,437</u>	<u>\$ 54,243</u>	<u>\$ (83,565)</u>	<u>\$ 928,115</u>	<u>\$ 80,836</u>

\*- Net Change Presented

The Authority entered into a sixty-month lease for copier equipment calling for monthly payments of \$137.48 beginning January 1, 2020. The equipment was amortized over the life of the lease. The annual interest rate charged on the lease was 4.00 percent. The lease expired in this period.

The Authority entered into a five-year lease for a postage machine calling for quarterly payments of \$174.42 beginning March 1, 2023. The equipment is being amortized over the life of the lease. The annual interest rate charged on the lease is 4.00 percent.

The Authority entered into a sixty-three month lease for copier equipment calling for monthly payments of \$199.88 beginning January 2025. The equipment is being amortized over the life of the lease. The annual interest rate charged on the lease is 4.00 percent.



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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

Lease commitments for the fiscal years ending June 30 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 2,649	\$ 447	\$ 3,096
2027	2,757	339	3,096
2028	2,870	226	3,096
2029	2,278	120	2,398
2030	1,769	30	1,799
	<u>\$ 12,323</u>	<u>\$ 1,162</u>	<u>\$ 13,485</u>

Direct borrowings consist of mortgages payable as follows:

The Authority has a note payable to the Croghan Colonial Bank of Fremont. The original principal of the loan was \$123,500 and the current rate is 5.76 percent annually. Principal and interest payments, currently \$423 began in October 2002 with the final payment due on July 2032. The loan is secured by an open-end mortgage on real estate property located at 562 Crestwood, Fremont, Ohio. \$ 29,592

The Authority has a note payable to the Croghan Colonial Bank of Fremont. The original principal of the loan was \$70,000 and the current rate is 7.50 percent annually. Principal and interest payments, currently \$572, began in March 2003 with the final payment due on August 2027. The loan is secured by an open-end mortgage on real estate property located at 728 Nickle Street, Fremont, Ohio. 13,658

The Authority entered into an agreement for housing services with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$80,000 to acquire and renovate property on 908 Bush Street in Fremont, Ohio. The agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and maintain a youth respite home for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the property is acquired, repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon procedures or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expiration of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities. 47,556

On April 15, 2019, the Authority entered into contractual agreements with the Ohio Department of Development Disabilities to reimburse the Authority for renovation costs at 728 Nickel Street property in the amount of \$60,360. The term of the loan is for 15 years commencing on October 1, 2019, and terminating October 1, 2031. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th of the funds received for every month that the project is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the end of the amortization period, an amount equal to the remaining unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. 36,887

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

On February 5, 2020, the Authority entered into contractual agreements with the Ohio Department of Development Disabilities to reimburse the Authority for renovation costs at 908 Bush Street property in the amount of \$47,050. The term of the loan is for 15 years commencing on March 1, 2020, and terminating March 1, 2035. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th of the funds received for every month that the project is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the end of the amortization period, an amount equal to the remaining unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

30,321

On January 19, 2021, the Authority entered into contractual agreements with the Ohio Department of Development Disabilities to reimburse the Authority for renovation costs at 408 South Pennsylvania Avenue property in the amount of \$19,854. The term of the loan is for 15 years commencing on February 1, 2021, and terminating February 1, 2036. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th of the funds received for every month that the project is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the end of the amortization period, an amount equal to the remaining unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

13,955

On September 3, 2021, the Authority entered into contractual agreements with the Ohio Department of Development Disabilities to reimburse the Authority for renovation costs at 1407 Rosewood property in the amount of \$28,500. The term of the loan is for 15 years commencing on October 1, 2021, and terminating October 1, 2036. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th of the funds received for every month that the project is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the end of the amortization period, an amount equal to the remaining unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Proceeds of \$22,259 were collected in July of 2021 with \$6,241 received in fiscal year 2020 but not amortized as the project

21,375

The Authority executed an addendum to contract for housing services with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$200,000 to acquire and renovate property on Martin Street in Fremont, Ohio. The agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and maintain a youth respite home for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the property is acquired, repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon procedures or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expiration of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Sandusky County

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

The Authority executed an addendum to contract for housing services with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$200,000 to acquire and renovate property on Celek Drive in Fremont, Ohio. The agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the property is acquired, repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon procedures or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expiration of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

145,556

The Authority executed an addendum to contract for housing services with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$50,000 used to acquire and renovate property on Celek Drive, in Fremont, Ohio. The agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the property is acquired, repairs are completed and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expiration of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

37,222

The Authority executed an Open End Mortgage and Security Agreement to contract for housing services with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$58,500 used to property on Celek Drive in Fremont, Ohio. The agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expiration of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

48,425

The Authority executed an addendum to contract for housing services with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$160,000 used to acquire and renovate property on Sunrise Boulevard, in Fremont, Ohio. The agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the property is acquired, repairs are completed and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expiration of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

The Authority executed an Open End Mortgage and Security Agreement to contract for housing services with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$88,425 used to renovate property on Sunrise Boulevard in Fremont, Ohio. The Agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expirations of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

80,565

The Authority executed an Open End Mortgage and Security Agreement to contract for housing services with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$11,200 used to renovate property at 908 Bush Sreet in Fremont, Ohio. The Agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expirations of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

11,200

The Authority executed an Open End Mortgage and Security Agreement to contract for housing services with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$12,000 used to renovate property at 148 Drew Lane in Clyde, Ohio. The Agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expirations of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable immediately to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

12,000

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

The Authority executed an Open End Mortgage and Security Agreement to contract for housing services with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$15,400 used to renovate property at 1407 Rosewood in Fremont, Ohio. The Agreement calls for the parties to work together to develop, acquire, renovate, establish, and manage residential properties for persons with disabilities in Sandusky County, Ohio. The term of the loan is 15 years after the repairs are completed, and persons with disabilities begin occupying the rental units. The parties agree that the loan is forgiven 1/180th each month the property is used for the provision of the approved development disability services licensed by DODD. In the event the Authority discontinues to provide the property for the agreed-upon purposes or if the Authority sells the property prior to the expirations of the amortization period, an amount equal to the unamortized balance of the loan is payable

15,400
<u>\$ 824,601</u>

The following is a summary of the Authority's future debt service requirements as of June 30, 2025:

<u>For the Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>
2026	\$ 9,453	\$ 2,697	\$ 12,150
2027	10,159	1,991	12,150
2028	5,014	1,935	6,949
2029	4,172	1,119	5,291
2030	4,459	832	5,291
2031-2033	9,993	720	10,713
Totals	43,250	<u>\$ 9,294</u>	<u>\$ 52,544</u>
Debt expected to be retired without cash payments	781,351		
<b>Total Debt</b>	<u><u>\$ 824,601</u></u>		

**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

***Net Pension Liability***

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee – on a deferred-payment basis – as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the Authority's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

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NOTE 5: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (Continued)

***Net Pension Liability*** (Continued)

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) limits the Authority's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Authority cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the Authority does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The ORC permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability*. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in current liabilities.

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

Authority employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system comprised of two separate pension plans: the Traditional Pension Plan, a defined benefit plan, and the Member-Directed Plan, a defined contribution plan. The Traditional Pension Plan also includes members of the legacy Combined Plan, a hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan referred to as the Combined Plan division of the Traditional Pension Plan. Prior to January 1, 2024, the Combined Plan was a separate pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, the Combined Plan is no longer available for member selection. In October 2023, the legislature approved House Bill (HB) 33, which allowed for the consolidation of the Combined Plan into the Traditional Pension Plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions in the Traditional Pension Plan. Only the state and local divisions participate in the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension Plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.



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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (Continued)

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)*** (Continued)

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the Traditional Pension Plan and the legacy Combined Plan were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the Traditional Pension Plan (excluding the Combined Plan division) as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

<b>Group A</b> Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	<b>Group B</b> 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	<b>Group C</b> Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>
<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 62 with 60 months of service credit or Age 57 with 25 years of service credit
<b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Traditional Plan Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
<b>Combined Plan Division Formula:</b> 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Combined Plan Division Formula:</b> 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Combined Plan Division Formula:</b> 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The base amount of a member's pension benefit is locked in upon receipt of the initial benefit payment for calculation of the annual cost-of-living adjustment.

When a Traditional Pension Plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the Combined Plan division receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA is 3%. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3%.

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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (Continued)

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)*** (Continued)

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-Directed Plan and Combined Plan division members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the Combined Plan division consists of the members' contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Combined Plan division members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-Directed Plan participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the Member-Directed Plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20% each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of their benefit account (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy – The following table displays the member and employer contribution rates as a percent of covered payroll for each employer division for 2024-2025. With the assistance of the System's actuary and Board approval, a portion of each employer contribution to OPERS may be set aside for the funding of post-employment health care coverage. For 2024-2025, no portion of the employer contribution rate was allocated to health care for the Traditional Pension Plan (excluding the Combined Plan division). The employer contribution as a percent of covered payroll deposited for the Combined Plan division and Member-Directed Plan health care programs in 2024-2025 was 2.0% and 4.0%, respectively.

<b>Board of Trustees - Approved Contribution Rates - All Plans</b>		
	<b>2024-2025 Member Rate</b>	<b>2024-2025 Employer Rate</b>
State Division	10.0%	14.0%
Local Division	10.0%	14.0%
Law Enforcement Division	13.0%	18.1%
Public Safety Division	12.0%	18.1%

The member and employer contribution rates for the State and Local divisions are currently set at the maximums authorized by the ORC of 10.0% and 14.0%, respectively. The Public Safety and Law Enforcement employer rates are also set at the maximum authorized rate of 18.1%. The member rate for Public Safety is determined by the Board and has no maximum rate established by the ORC. The member rate for Law Enforcement is also determined by the Board, but is limited by the ORC to not more than 2.0% greater than the Public Safety rate.

For fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Authority's contractually required contributions used to fund pension benefits was \$9,849 for the Traditional Pension Plan.



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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (Continued)

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

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	OPERS Traditional Pension Plan
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:	
Prior Measurement Date	0.000340%
Current Measurement Date	0.000337%
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.000003%</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 82,617
Pension Expense	\$ 18,221

At June 30, 2025, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS Traditional Pension Plan
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 9,748
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,581
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,225
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>5,484</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 20,038</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 1,081
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 1,081</u>

\$5,484 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (Continued)

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

	OPERS Traditional Pension Plan
Year Ending June 30:	
2026	\$ 8,205
2027	10,251
2028	(3,760)
2029	(1,223)
Total	<u>\$ 13,473</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS***

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. Key actuarial assumptions and methods used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below:

	<u>Traditional Pension Plan</u>
Wage Inflation	
Current Measurement Date:	2.75 percent
Prior Measurement Date:	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	
Current Measurement Date:	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
Prior Measurement Date:	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	
Pre 1/7/2013 retirees:	3 percent, simple
Post 1/7/2013 retirees:	
Current Measurement Date:	2.9% Simple for 2025, then 2.05% Simple
Prior Measurement Date:	2.3% Simple for 2024, then 2.05% simple
Investment Rate of Return	
Current Measurement Date:	6.9 percent
Prior Measurement Date:	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

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NOTE 5: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (Continued)

*Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

OPERS manages investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefits portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio includes the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan division, and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investments expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a gain of 8.8% for 2024.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return over a 20-year period are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of the geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2024, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

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**NOTE 5: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS** (Continued)

*Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	24.00 %	2.42 %
Domestic Equities	21.00	5.70
Real Estate	13.00	4.17
Private Equity	15.00	8.40
International Equities	20.00	6.10
Risk Parity	2.00	4.40
Other investments	5.00	2.54
Total	100.00 %	

***Discount Rate*** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

***Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate*** The following table presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9%, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower or one percent higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 135,157	\$ 82,617	\$ 38,957

**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN**

***Net OPEB Liability***

The net OPEB liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for OPEB. OPEB is a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB are provided to an employee – on a deferred-payment basis – as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for OPEB is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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NOTE 6: **DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN** (Continued)

***Net OPEB Liability*** (Continued)

The net OPEB liability represents the Authority's proportionate share of each OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Authority's obligation related to this liability to annually required payments. The Authority cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which OPEB are financed; however, the Authority does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

GASB 75 assumes any liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net OPEB liability*. Any liability for the contractually-required OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in current liabilities.

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers two separate pension plans: the Traditional Pension Plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; and the Member-Directed Plan, a defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, the 115 Health Care Trust, which was established in 2014 to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined, and Member-Directed plans. With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

Retirees and eligible dependents enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, and non-Medicare retirees beginning in 2022, are able to participate in the OPERS Connector in lieu of comprehensive health care coverage. The Connector, a vendor selected by OPERS, assist eligible retirees, spouses, and dependents in the evaluation, selection and purchase of a health care plan on the open market. Eligible retirees may receive a monthly allowance in their health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account that can be used to reimburse eligible health care expenses.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN** (Continued)

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)*** (Continued)

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022 or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

- 1. Age 65 or older** – minimum of 20 years of qualified health care service credit.
- 2. Age 60 to 64** – based on the following age-and-service criteria:
  - a. Group A – 30 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;
  - b. Group B – 31 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit; or
  - c. Group C – 32 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit.
- 3. Age 59 or younger** – based on the following age-and-service criteria:
  - a. Group A – 30 years of qualified health care service credit;
  - b. Group B - 32 years of qualified health care service credit at any age or 31 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 52; or
  - c. Group C – 32 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 55.

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service. Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022, as summarized in the following table:

Retirement Date	Group A		Group B		Group C	
	Age	Service	Age	Service	Age	Service
December 1, 2014 or Prior	Any	10	Any	10	Any	10
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021	60	20	52 60	31 20	55	32
	Any	30	Any	32	60	20

Participants in the Member-Directed Plan have access to the Connector and have a separate health care funding mechanism. A portion of employer contributions for these participants is allocated to a retiree medical account (RMA). Upon separation or retirement, participants may use vested RMA funds for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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NOTE 6: **DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN** (Continued)

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (Continued)***

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. In 2024 and 2025, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0% of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1%. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2024-2025, no portion of the employer contribution rate was allocated to health care for the Traditional Pension Plan (excluding the Combined Plan division). The employer contribution as a percent of covered payroll deposited for the Combined Plan division and Member-Directed Plan health care programs in 2024-2025 was 2.0% and 4.0%, respectively.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The Authority's contractually required contribution allocated to health care was \$1,561 for the year ending June 30, 2025.

***OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

The net OPEB asset and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2024, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The Authority's proportion of the net OPEB asset was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:



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NOTE 6: **DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN** (Continued)

***OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB*** (Continued)

	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:	
Prior Measurement Date	0.000520%
Current Measurement Date	<u>0.000525%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.000005%</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ (12,307)
OPEB Expense	\$ (3,251)

At June 30, 2025, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	
OPEB plan investments	\$ 254
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	632
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>781</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 1,667</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 600
Changes of assumptions	<u>1,776</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 2,376</u>

\$781 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net OPEB asset in the year ending June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Year Ending June 30:	
2026	\$ (855)
2027	1,371
2028	(1,482)
2029	<u>(524)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (1,490)</u>

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.



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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)**

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2024. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	2.75 to 10.75 percent, including wage inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent, including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate	6.00 percent	5.70 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	4.08 percent	3.77 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.50 percent initial, 3.50 percent ultimate in 2039	5.50 percent initial, 3.50 percent ultimate in 2038
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2024, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan division and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was a gain of 10.0% for 2024.

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NOTE 6: **DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN** (Continued)

*Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2024 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	37.00 %	2.37 %
Domestic Equities	26.00	5.70
Real Estate Investment Trust	5.00	5.00
International Equities	26.00	6.10
Risk Parity	3.00	4.40
Other investments	3.00	2.50
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**Discount Rate** A single discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2024; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 5.70%. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2124. As a result, the single discount rate was set as the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments and was applied to projected costs through the year 2124, the duration of the projection period through which projected health care payments are fully funded. The tax-exempt municipal bond rate was not needed in the determination of the single discount rate.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN** (Continued)

*Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS* (Continued)

***Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** The following table presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.0% lower or 1.0% higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.00%)	Current Discount Rate (6.00%)	1% Increase (7.00%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (6,111)	\$ (12,307)	\$ (17,477)

***Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate*** Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0% lower or 1.0% higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2025 is 5.50%. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (12,495)	\$ (12,307)	\$ (12,096)

**NOTE 7: RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

Restricted net position of \$21,968 is composed of the following:

Unspent Funding to make Housing Assistance Payments	\$ 9,661
Restricted for the GASB 75 Net OPEB Asset	12,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,968</b>

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**NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to and theft or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Authority is covered for property damage, general liability, automobile liability, law enforcement liability, public official's liability, and other crime liabilities through membership in the State Housing Authority Risk Pool Association, Inc. (SHARP). SHARP is an insurance pool comprised of forty (40) housing authorities in Ohio, of which the Authority is a member.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has been no significant change in coverage from last year. Health, dental, vision, and life insurance is offered to Authority employees through a commercial insurance company.

Additionally, Workers' Compensation insurance is maintained through the State of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, in which rates are calculated retrospectively.

**NOTE 9: CONTINGENCIES**

The Authority is party to various legal proceedings which seek damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and pending projects. The Authority's management is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of various claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the Authority.

The Authority has received several Federal and state grants for specific purposes which are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to request for reimbursements to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based upon prior experience, management believes such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

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SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.000337%	0.000340%	0.000249%	0.000261%	0.000259%	0.000255%	0.000275%	0.000261%	0.000174%	0.000540%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 82,617	\$ 89,013	\$ 73,555	\$ 22,708	\$ 38,352	\$ 50,402	\$ 75,317	\$ 40,945	\$ 39,511	\$ 93,534
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 60,380	\$ 56,020	\$ 38,546	\$ 37,928	\$ 36,479	\$ 35,937	\$ 37,103	\$ 34,497	\$ 22,472	\$ 67,189
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	136.83%	158.90%	190.82%	59.87%	105.13%	140.25%	202.99%	118.69%	175.82%	139.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.99%	79.01%	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%

Amounts presented as of the Authority's measurement date, which is the prior calendar year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

**SANDUSKY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 9,849	\$ 8,392	\$ 6,295	\$ 5,289	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,995	\$ 5,255	\$ 5,030	\$ 3,614	\$ 5,485
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	\$ (9,849)	\$ (8,392)	\$ (6,295)	\$ (5,289)	\$ (5,250)	\$ (4,995)	\$ (5,255)	\$ (5,030)	\$ (3,614)	\$ (5,485)
Contribution Deficiency / (Excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 70,350	\$ 59,943	\$ 44,964	\$ 37,779	\$ 37,500	\$ 35,679	\$ 37,539	\$ 37,265	\$ 28,793	\$ 45,705
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.50%	12.55%	12.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

**SANDUSKY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY/(ASSET)  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS (1)**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Authority's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset	0.000525%	0.000520%	0.000433%	0.000452%	0.000453%	0.000442%	0.000447%	0.000440%	0.000440%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	\$ (12,307)	\$ (4,693)	\$ 2,730	\$ (14,157)	\$ (8,071)	\$ 61,052	\$ 58,278	\$ 47,781	\$ 44,441
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 98,665	\$ 91,814	\$ 72,030	\$ 70,497	\$ 68,487	\$ 66,721	\$ 64,819	\$ 61,942	\$ 56,722
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	12.47%	5.11%	3.79%	-20.08%	-11.78%	91.50%	89.91%	77.14%	78.35%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	121.51%	107.76%	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	54.05%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available. Schedule is intended to show ten years of information, and additional years will be displayed as the information becomes available.

Amounts presented as of the Authority's measurement date, which is the prior calendar year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS - OPEB  
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,561	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,366	\$ 1,313	\$ 1,296	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,138	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,509	\$ 1,696
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(1,561)	(1,500)	(1,366)	(1,313)	(1,296)	(1,250)	(1,138)	(1,332)	(1,509)	(1,696)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 109,382	\$ 97,442	\$ 79,103	\$ 70,607	\$ 69,897	\$ 66,931	\$ 65,977	\$ 65,896	\$ 56,093	\$ 65,259
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	1.43%	1.54%	1.73%	1.86%	1.85%	1.87%	1.72%	2.02%	2.69%	2.60%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.



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***OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)***

***Net Pension Liability***

*Changes in benefit terms:* There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2014-2025.

*Changes in assumptions:* There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2014-2016 and 2018. For 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 8.00% to 7.50%, (b) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%, (c) the expected long-term average price inflation rate was reduced from 3.00% to 2.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality rates were updated to the RP-2014 Health Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observant period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 (f) mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were updated to the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and a base year of 2015 for males and 2010 for females (g) Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables. For 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.20%. For 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were reduced from 3.00% simple through 2018 to 1.40% simple through 2020, then 2.15% simple. For 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were reduced from 1.40% simple through 2020 to 0.50% simple through 2021, then 2.15% simple. For 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.25% to 2.75% (b) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were increased from 0.50% simple through 2021 to 3.00% simple through 2022, then 2.05% simple (c) the expected investment return was reduced from 7.20% to 6.90%. There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2023. For 2024, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were decreased from 3.00% simple through 2023 then 2.05% simple, to 2.30% simple through 2024 then 2.05% simple. For 2025, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the cost-of-living adjustments for post-1/7/2013 retirees were increased from 2.30% simple through 2024 then 2.05% simple, to 2.90% simple through 2025 then 2.05% simple.

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***OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)***

***Net OPEB Liability***

*Changes in benefit terms:* There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018-2025.

*Changes in assumptions:* For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%. For 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected investment return was reduced from 6.50% to 6.00% (b) In January 2019, the Board adopted changes to health care coverage for Medicare and pre-Medicare retirees. It will include discontinuing the PPO plan for pre-Medicare retirees and replacing it with a monthly allowance to help participants pay for a health care plan of their choosing. The base allowance for Medicare eligible retirees will be reduced. The specific effect of these changes on the net OPEB liability and OPEB expense are unknown at this time (c) the single discount rate changed from 3.85% to 3.96%. For 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 3.96% to 3.16%. For 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 3.16% to 6.00% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 2.75% to 2.00% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 10.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2030 to 8.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2035. For 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the expected long-term average wage inflation rate was reduced from 3.25% to 2.75%. (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 2.00% to 1.84% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 8.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2035 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2034. For 2023, the following changes in assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 6.00% to 5.22% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 1.84% to 4.05% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2034 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2036. For 2024, the following changes in assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 5.22% to 5.70% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 4.05% to 3.77% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2036 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2038. For 2025, the following changes in assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 5.70% to 6.00% (b) the municipal bond rate changed from 3.77% to 4.08% (c) the health care cost trend rate changed from 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2038 to 5.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate in 2039.

Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority  
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Financial Data Schedule  
Entity Wide Balance Sheet Summary  
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	Project Total	2 State/Local	14,879 Mainstream Vouchers	14,871 Housing Choice Vouchers	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
111 Cash - Unrestricted	\$43,153	\$69,486	\$44,583	\$496,810	\$654,032		\$654,032
113 Cash - Other Restricted			9,661		9,661		9,661
114 Cash - Tenant Security Deposits	13,031	5,456			18,487		18,487
100 Total Cash	56,184	74,942	54,244	496,810	682,180		682,180
121 Accounts Receivable - PHA Projects				435	435		435
122 Accounts Receivable - HUD Other Projects				1,112	1,112		1,112
124 Accounts Receivable - Other Government		38,600			38,600		38,600
125 Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous				2,318	2,318		2,318
126 Accounts Receivable - Tenants	967	8,423			9,390		9,390
126.1 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts -Tenants	(300)				(300)		(300)
126.2 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Other	(1,600)				(1,600)		(1,600)
127 Notes, Loans, & Mortgages Receivable - Current	4,549				4,549		4,549
120 Total Receivables, Net of Allowances for Doubtful Accounts	3,616	47,023		3,865	54,504		54,504
142 Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	11,628	2,676		1,393	15,697		15,697
144 Inter Program Due From	60,938	8,034			68,972	(68,972)	0
145 Assets Held for Sale					0		0
150 Total Current Assets	132,366	132,675	54,244	502,068	821,353	(68,972)	752,381
161 Land	596,650	153,214		8,114	757,978		757,978
162 Buildings	3,806,187	1,791,193			5,597,380		5,597,380
163 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Dwellings	47,451				47,451		47,451
164 Furniture, Equipment & Machinery - Administration	152,636	6,051		33,997	192,684		192,684
165 Leasehold Improvements	5,071	3,622		5,795	14,488		14,488
166 Accumulated Depreciation	(3,412,917)	(838,854)		(34,996)	(4,286,767)		(4,286,767)
160 Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,195,078	1,115,226		12,910	2,323,214		2,323,214
174 Other Assets	7,120	1,680		3,507	12,307		12,307
180 Total Non-Current Assets	1,202,198	1,116,906		16,417	2,335,521		2,335,521
200 Deferred Outflow of Resources	12,556	2,964		6,185	21,705		21,705
290 Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	\$1,347,120	\$1,252,545	\$54,244	\$524,670	\$3,178,579	(\$68,972)	\$3,109,607
	Project Total	2 State/Local	14,879 Mainstream Vouchers	14,871 Housing Choice Vouchers	Subtotal	ELIM	Total
312 Accounts Payable <= 90 Days	4,489	10,317			14,806		14,806
313 Accounts Payable >90 Days Past Due		2,456			2,456		2,456
333 Accounts Payable - Other Government	6,940				6,940		6,940
341 Tenant Security Deposits	13,031	5,456			18,487		18,487
342 Unearned Revenue	164	865			1,029		1,029
343 Current Portion of Long-term Debt - Capital Projects/Mortgage Revenue	927	78,849		1,060	80,836		80,836
347 Inter Program - Due To	7,096	60,938		938	68,972	(68,972)	
310 Total Current Liabilities	32,647	158,881		1,998	193,526	(68,972)	124,554
351 Long-term Debt, Net of Current - Capital Projects/Mortgage Revenue	3,386	748,832		3,870	756,088		756,088
354 Accrued Compensated Absences - Non Current	3,872	629		4,073	8,574		8,574
357 Accrued Pension and OPEB Liabilities	47,793	11,280		23,544	82,617		82,617
350 Total Non-Current Liabilities	55,051	760,741		31,487	847,279		847,279
300 Total Liabilities	87,698	919,622		33,485	1,040,805	(68,972)	971,833
400 Deferred Inflow of Resources	2,000	472		985	3,457		3,457
508.4 Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,190,765	287,545		7,980	1,486,290		1,486,290
511.4 Restricted Net Position	7,120	1,680	9,661	3,507	21,968		21,968
512.4 Unrestricted Net Position	59,537	43,226	44,583	478,713	626,059		626,059
513 Total Equity - Net Assets / Position	1,257,422	332,451	54,244	490,200	2,134,317		2,134,317
600 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity - Net	\$1,347,120	\$1,252,545	\$54,244	\$524,670	\$3,178,579	(\$68,972)	\$3,109,607

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	Project Total	2 State/Local	14.879 Mainstream Vouchers	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	Subtotal	Total
70300 Net Tenant Rental Revenue	\$81,830	\$109,515			\$191,345	\$191,345
70400 Tenant Revenue - Other	9,485	4,237			13,722	13,722
70500 Total Tenant Revenue	91,315	113,752			205,067	205,067
70600 HUD PHA Operating Grants	262,541		\$308,219	\$1,543,249	2,114,009	2,114,009
70610 Capital Grants	75,818				75,818	75,818
70700 Total Fee Revenue	338,359		308,219	1,543,249	2,189,827	2,189,827
70800 Other Government Grants		14,008			14,008	14,008
71100 Investment Income - Unrestricted	49	39		134	222	222
71400 Fraud Recovery				4,486	4,486	4,486
71500 Other Revenue	132	66,160		5,181	71,473	71,473
70000 Total Revenue	429,855	193,959	308,219	1,553,050	2,485,083	2,485,083
91100 Administrative Salaries	28,480	6,225	7,942	23,574	66,221	66,221
91200 Auditing Fees	4,893	3,495	1,399	4,193	13,980	13,980
91300 Management Fee	43,520	13,940	16,427	48,582	122,469	122,469
91400 Advertising and Marketing	35	25	41	121	222	222
91500 Employee Benefit contributions - Administrative	11,929	2,629	2,768	8,216	25,542	25,542
91600 Office Expenses	15,484	4,487	4,510	5,372	29,853	29,853
91700 Legal Expense	120				120	120
91800 Travel	2,648	725	97	289	3,759	3,759
91900 Other	20160	1,600	4,763	22,292	48,815	48,815
91000 Total Operating - Administrative	127,269	33,126	37,947	112,639	310,981	310,981
93100 Water	5,924	109			6,033	6,033
93200 Electricity	6,522	1,139			7,661	7,661
93300 Gas	3,379	602			3,981	3,981
93000 Total Utilities	15,825	1,850			17,675	17,675
94100 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Labor	35,496	8,874			44,370	44,370
94200 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations - Materials and Other	42,180	5,809			47,989	47,989
94300 Ordinary Maintenance and Operations Contracts	107,945	42,480			150,425	150,425
94500 Employee Benefit Contributions - Ordinary Maintenance	14,835	3,232			18,067	18,067
94000 Total Maintenance	200,456	60,395			260,851	260,851
96110 Property Insurance	23,808	5,759			29,567	29,567
96120 Liability Insurance	1,444	105	609	1,806	3,964	3,964
96130 Workmen's Compensation	401	153	63	186	803	803
96140 All Other Insurance	1,835		228	676	2,739	2,739
96100 Total insurance Premiums	27,488	6,017	900	2,668	37,073	37,073
96200 Other General Expenses	2362	5,134	608	1,259	9,363	9,363
96210 Compensated Absences	1717	223	622	1,847	4,409	4,409
96300 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	6,940	553			7,493	7,493
96400 Bad debt - Tenant Rents	4,934				4,934	4,934
96000 Total Other General Expenses	15,953	5,910	1,230	3,106	26,199	26,199
96710 Interest of Mortgage (or Bonds) Payable	113	3,512		129	3,754	3,754
96700 Total Interest Expense and Amortization Cost	113	3,512		129	3,754	3,754
96900 Total Operating Expenses	387,104	110,810	40,077	118,542	656,533	656,533
97000 Excess of Operating Revenue over Operating Expenses	42,751	83,149	268,142	1,434,508	1,828,550	1,828,550
97300 Housing Assistance Payments			266,697	1,364,790	1,631,487	1,631,487
97350 HAP Portability-In				4,503	4,503	4,503
97400 Depreciation Expense	88,837	73,056		973	162,866	162,866
90000 Total Expenses	475,941	183,866	306,774	1,488,808	2,455,389	2,455,389
	Project Total	2 State/Local	14.879 Mainstream Vouchers	14.871 Housing Choice Vouchers	Subtotal	Total
10010 Operating Transfer In	84,874				84,874	84,874
10020 Operating transfer Out	(84,874)				(84,874)	(84,874)
10100 Total Other financing Sources (Uses)	-				-	-
10000 Excess (Deficiency) of Total Revenue Over (Under) Total Expenses	(46,086)	10,093	1,445	64,242	29,694	29,694

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11020 Required Annual Debt Principal Payments	840	9,318		960	11,118	11,118
11030 Beginning Equity	1,303,508	322,358	52,799	425,958	2,104,623	2,104,623
11170 Administrative Fee Equity				490,200	490,200	490,200
11180 Housing Assistance Payments Equity						
11190 Unit Months Available	576	120	552	4,092	5,340	5,340
11210 Number of Unit Months Leased	568	120	513	2,773	3,974	3,974
11270 Excess Cash	55,836				55,836	55,836
11620 Building Purchases	75,818				75,818	75,818

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR</b> <b>Pass Through Grantor</b> <b>Program / Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal AL Number</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Direct Programs</b>		
Public Housing Operating Fund	14.850	\$ 177,667
Public Housing Capital Fund	14.872	160,692
Housing Voucher Cluster:		
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	14.871	1,543,249
Mainstream Vouchers	14.879	308,219
Total Housing Voucher Cluster		<u>1,851,468</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>		<u><b>2,189,827</b></u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>		<u><b>\$ 2,189,827</b></u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR § 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority, Sandusky County, Ohio, (the Authority) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Authority, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Authority.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

**NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE**

The Authority has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Sandusky County  
1358 Mosser Drive  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

To the Board of Commissioners:

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority, Sandusky County, Ohio (the Authority) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 26, 2025.

***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority'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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 Authority'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.

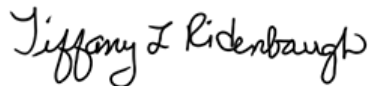
### ***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State



Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM  
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December 26, 2025



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS  
APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority  
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To the Board of Commissioners:

**Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority's, Sandusky County, Ohio's (the Authority) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2025. Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2025.

***Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

The Authority's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of law, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Authority's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Authority's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Authority's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Authority's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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December 26, 2025

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**SANDUSKY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
JUNE 30, 2025**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Housing Voucher Cluster
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</b>	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None



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### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS 2 CFR § 200.511(b) JUNE 30, 2025

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2024-001	Material weakness due to errors in financial reporting.	Fully corrected.	
2024-002	Material weakness and noncompliance with Housing Quality Standards Enforcement.	Fully corrected.	

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**SANDUSKY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**SANDUSKY COUNTY**

## **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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