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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Hickory Chase Community Authority  
Franklin County  
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Hilliard, Ohio 43026

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Hickory Chase Community Authority's (the Authority) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Authority. The Authority is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Authority.

The Governing Board and the management of the Authority have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Authority's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

### Cash

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2020 beginning fund balances for each account recorded in the financial statements to the December 31, 2019 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2021 beginning fund balances recorded in the filed statements to the December 31, 2020 balances in the filed statements. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2021 and 2020 Bank Reconciliation as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 to the total fund cash balances reported in the General Ledger and the financial statements filed by the Authority in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2021 bank account balances with the Authority's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2021 bank reconciliation without exception.

**Other Receipts**

We selected all Service Payment receipts from the year ended December 31, 2021 and all Service Payment receipts from the year ended December 31, 2020, and all Community Development Charge receipts from the year ended December 31, 2020 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the General Ledger to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger to determine the receipt was posted to the proper fund(s), and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Debt**

1. From the prior audit documentation, we observed the following bonds were outstanding as of December 31, 2019. These amounts agreed to the Authority's January 1, 2020 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2019:
2019A Bonds	\$24,820,000
2019B Bonds	3,925,000
2019B-2 Bonds	2,015,000

2. We inquired of management, and inspected the General Ledger for evidence of debt issued during fiscal year 2021 or fiscal year 2020 or debt payment activity during fiscal years 2021 or 2020. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of bond debt activity for fiscal years 2021 and 2020 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to payments reported in the General Ledger. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Authority made the payments. We found no exceptions.
4. For new debt issued during 2021 and 2020, we inspected the debt legislation, which stated the Authority must use the proceeds to fund Public Improvement Projects as defined in the bond issue. We inspected the General Ledger and observed the Authority used the funds for allowable purposes.

**Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. From the General Ledger, we re-footed checks recorded as disbursements for *Legal Fees* for 2021. We found no exceptions.

2. We selected 10 disbursements from the General Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 10 from the year ended December 31, 2020 and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the General Ledger and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We noted one instance of a disbursement being posted to the General Ledger with the incorrect vendor name.
  - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.

### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We obtained and inspected the Authority's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with Authority management and determined that the Authority did not have any public records requests during the engagement period, the Authority did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period, and the Authority did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Authority had a records retention schedule, and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inquired with Authority management and determined that the Authority did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore the public records policy could not be included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
6. We inquired with the Authority's management and determined that the Authority did not have a true location of a public office, or any branch locations, during the engagement period to have a poster conspicuously displayed as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with Authority management and determined that the Authority did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with Authority management and determined that the Authority did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Authority notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.

10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
- Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
  - Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
  - Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
  - Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.

We found no exceptions.

11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
- Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
  - The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
  - Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.

We found no exceptions.

### Other Compliance

- Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires authorities to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Authority filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Authority to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Authority's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

November 8, 2022

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**HICKORY CHASE COMMUNITY AUTHORITY**

**FRANKLIN 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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