



Board of Trustees  
South Carolina State Firefighters' Association Group Insurance Trust  
Columbia, South Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of South Carolina State Firefighters' Association Group Insurance Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as of and for the year ended July 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2024. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our engagement agreement dated November 8, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant audit findings or issues**

#### ***Qualitative aspects of accounting practices***

##### *Accounting policies*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by South Carolina State Firefighters' Association Group Insurance Trust are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended July 31, 2023.

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

##### *Accounting estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no accounting estimates affecting the financial statements which were particularly sensitive or required substantial judgments by management.

##### *Financial statement disclosures*

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

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

***Difficulties encountered in performing the audit***

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

***Uncorrected misstatements***

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

***Corrected misstatements***

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

***Disagreements with management***

For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

***Management representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 11, 2024.

***Management consultations with other independent accountants***

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

***Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement***

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

***Reading the draft Form 5500***

Audit standards require that we obtain and read a draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete prior to the dating of our auditors' report. The purpose of these procedures is to identify material inconsistencies, if any, with the audited Plan financial statements. These audit procedures are not sufficient nor are they intended to determine that the Form 5500 is completely and accurately prepared. We did not identify any material inconsistencies between the Form 5500 and the audited financial statements.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and Management of South Carolina State Firefighter's Association Group Insurance Trust and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Charlotte, North Carolina  
January 11, 2024