

Forvis Mazars Report to Board of County Commissioners and Management

Pinellas County, Florida

Results of the 2025 Financial Statement Audit, Including Required Communications

September 30, 2025

Required Communications Regarding Our Audit Strategy & Approach (AU-C 260)

Overview & Responsibilities

Matter	Discussion
Scope of Our Audit	This report covers audit results related to your financial statements and supplementary information: • As of and for the year ended September 30, 2025 • Conducted in accordance with our contract dated August 13, 2025 and the addendum dated March, 18, 2026.
Our Responsibilities	Forvis Mazars is responsible for forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
Audit Scope & Inherent Limitations to Reasonable Assurance	An audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (GAGAS) is designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about the financial statements. The scope of our audit tests was established in relation to the financial statements taken as an opinion unit being audited and did not include a detailed audit of all transactions.
Extent of Our Communication	In addition to areas of interest and noting prior communications made during other phases of the engagement, this report includes communications required in accordance with GAAS that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting process, including audit approach, results, and internal control. The standards do not require the auditor to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to be communicated with those charged with governance.
Independence	The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Matter	Discussion
Your Responsibilities	Our audit does not relieve management or those charged with governance of your responsibilities. Your responsibilities and ours are further referenced in our contract.
Distribution Restriction	This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the following and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties: The Board of County Commissioners and Management

Government Auditing Standards

Matter	Discussion
Additional GAGAS Reporting	We also provided reports as of September 30, 2025, on the following as required by GAGAS: Internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with GAGAS
Reporting Limitations	Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance were not designed with an objective of forming an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control or on compliance, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Uniform Guidance Overview & Responsibilities

Matter	Discussion
Scope of Our Audit	We also provided reports as of September 30, 2025, on the following as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance and Florida Single Audit Act: - Opinion on compliance for each major federal award program and major state project - Report on internal control over compliance - Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
Audit Scope & Inherent Limitations to Reasonable Assurance	A compliance audits performed in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance and the Florida Single Audit Act are designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement and Florida Single Audit Act that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal award program and major state project occurred.

Group Audits

Referred-To Auditors

Our audit strategy included the use of the work of a referred-to auditor, resulting in a division of responsibility over the group financial statements and our report thereon.

We did not audit the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units which statements reflect total assets constituting 99.9% of the transactions and account balances of the aggregate discretely presented component unit columns.

Those statements were audited by other auditors, whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the aggregate discretely presented component units, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We have had communications with the other auditors during planning and throughout the audit regarding

their qualifications to perform the audit, including independence, and consideration of materiality as a basis for referring to their audit report. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities in accordance with GAAS, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit.

Other Information Accompanying the Audited Financial Statements

The audited financial statements are presented along with management's annual report. Management, or those charged with governance, is responsible for preparing the annual report.

We were not engaged to audit the information contained in the annual report, and as a result, our opinion does not provide assurance as to the completeness and accuracy of the information contained therein.

As part of our procedures, we read the entire report to determine if financial information discussed in sections outside the financial statements materially contradicts the audited financial statements. If we identify any such matters, we bring them to management's attention and review subsequent revisions.

Auditor Objectives Related to Other Information

Our objectives related to the other information accompanying the audited financial statements were to:

- Consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements
- Remain alert for indications that:
 - A material inconsistency exists between the other information and the auditor's knowledge obtained in the audit, or
 - A material misstatement of fact exists or the other information is otherwise misleading
- Respond appropriately when we identify that such material inconsistencies appear to exist or when we otherwise become aware that other information appears to be materially misstated. Potential responsive actions would include requesting management to correct the identified inconsistency
- Include the appropriate communication in our auditor's report, disclosing the procedures performed on the Other Information, as well as the results obtained
 - We did not identify any material inconsistencies between the other information and the financial statements.

Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies & Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the audited financial statements.

Unusual Policies or Methods

With respect to significant unusual accounting policies or accounting methods used for significant unusual transactions (significant transactions outside the normal course of business or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size, or nature), we noted the following:

- No matters are reportable

Alternative Accounting Treatments

We had discussions with management regarding alternative accounting treatments within GAAP for policies and practices for material items, including recognition, measurement, and disclosure considerations related to the accounting for specific transactions as well as general accounting policies, as follows:

- No matters are reportable

Management Judgments & Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of financial statement preparation by management, based on its judgments. Significant areas of such estimates for which we are prepared to discuss management's estimation process and our procedures for testing the reasonableness of those estimates include:

- Useful Lives of Capital Assets
- Fair Value of Investments
- Compensated Absences
- Net Pension Liability
- Self-Insurance Liability
- Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)
- Landfill closure liability

Financial Statement Disclosures

The following areas involve particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures for which we are prepared to discuss the issues involved and related judgments made in formulating those disclosures:

- Note 4 – Deposits
- Note 7 – Capital Assets
- Note 10 – Long-Term Debt
- Note 11 – Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees
- Note 15 – Retirement Plans

Our Judgment About the Quality of the Entity's Accounting Principles

During the course of the audit, we made the following observations regarding the Entity's application of accounting principles:

- No matters are reportable

Adjustments Identified by Audit

During the course of any audit, an auditor may propose adjustments to financial statement amounts. Management evaluates our proposals and records those adjustments that, in its judgment, are required to prevent the financial statements from being materially misstated.

A misstatement is a difference between the amount, classification, presentation, or disclosure of a reported financial statement item and that which is required for the item to be presented fairly in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

Proposed & Recorded Adjustments

Auditor-proposed and management-recorded entries include the following:

- No matters are reportable

Uncorrected Misstatements

- No uncorrected misstatements to report

Other Required Communications

Disagreements with Management

The following matters involved disagreements which if not satisfactorily resolved would have caused a modified auditor's opinion on the financial statements:

- No matters are reportable.

Consultation with Individuals Outside of the Engagement Team

During our audit, we encountered the following matters, for which we consulted the views of individuals outside of the engagement team:

- No matters are reportable

Consultation with Other Accountants

During our audit, we became aware that management had consulted with other accountants about the following auditing or accounting matters:

- No matters are reportable

Significant Issues Discussed with Management

Prior to Retention

During our discussion with management prior to our engagement, the following issues regarding application of accounting principles or auditing standards were discussed:

- No matters are reportable

During the Audit Process

During the audit process, the following issues were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management:

- No matters are reportable

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

Our audit requires cooperative effort between management and the audit team. During our audit, we found significant difficulties in working effectively on the following matters:

- No matters are reportable

Other Material Communications

Listed below are other material communications between management and us related to the audit:

- Management representation letter (see Attachment A)

Attachments

Management Representation Letter

As a material communication with management, included herein is a copy of the representation letter provided by management at the conclusion of our engagement.

Attachment A

Management Representation Letter

March 30, 2026

Representation of:

Pinellas County, Florida
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Provided to:

Forvis Mazars, LLP
Certified Public Accountants
400 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 2540
Tampa, FL 33602

The undersigned ("We") are providing this letter in connection with Forvis Mazars' audit of our financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025.

We are also providing this letter in connection with:

- Your audit of our compliance with requirements applicable to each of our major federal award programs and major state projects as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025.

Our representations are current and effective as of the date of Forvis Mazars' report: March 30, 2026.

Our engagement with Forvis Mazars is based on our contract for services dated: August 13, 2025 and the addendum dated March, 18, 2026.

Our Responsibility & Consideration of Material Matters

We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements subject to Forvis Mazars' report in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies; establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, operations, and compliance; and establishing procedures to prevent and detect fraud.

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Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

Confirmation of Matters Specific to the Subject Matter of Forvis Mazars' Report

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following:

Broad Matters

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of our contract, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
2. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of:
 - a. Internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
 - b. Internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
3. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. All minutes of governing body meetings, if any, held through the date of this letter or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared. All unsigned copies of minutes provided to you are copies of our original minutes approved by the board, if applicable, and maintained as part of our records.
 - e. All significant contracts and grants.

4. We have responded fully and truthfully to all your inquiries.

Government Auditing Standards

5. We acknowledge that we are responsible for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
6. We have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determination of amounts in our financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
7. We have identified and disclosed to you any violations or possible violations of laws, regulations, including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for recognition and/or disclosure in the financial statements or for your reporting on noncompliance.
8. We have taken or will take timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud, abuse, illegal acts, or violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements that you or other auditors report.
9. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
10. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives of your audit and the corrective actions taken to address any significant findings and recommendations made in such audits, attestation engagements, or other studies.

Federal Awards Programs and State Projects (Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General)

11. We have identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance all assistance provided (either directly or passed through other entities) by federal and state agencies in the form of grants, contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property, cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, commodities, insurance, direct appropriations, or in any other form.
12. We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with service organizations, and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organizations relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.
13. We have reconciled the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and

state financial assistance (SEFA) to the financial statements.

14. Federal and state awards-related revenues and expenditures are fairly presented, both in form and content, in accordance with the applicable criteria in the entity's financial statements.
15. We have evaluated all recipient organizations that received federal and state funding and have correctly identified all subrecipients on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
16. We have identified the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* and Department of Financial Services' State Projects Compliance Supplement regarding activities allowed or unallowed; allowable costs/cost principles; cash management; eligibility; equipment and real property management; matching, level of effort, earmarking; period of performance of federal funds; procurement and suspension and debarment; program income; reporting; subrecipient monitoring; and special tests and provisions that are applicable to each of our federal awards programs. We have identified to you our interpretation of any applicable compliance requirements subject to varying interpretations.
17. We are responsible for complying, and have complied, with the requirements of Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.500, Rules of the Auditor General.
18. We are responsible to understand and comply with the requirements of federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal and state awards related to each of our federal awards programs and have disclosed to you any and all instances of noncompliance with those requirements occurring during the period of your audit or subsequent thereto to the date of this letter of which we are aware. Except for any instances of noncompliance we have disclosed to you, we believe the entity has complied with all applicable compliance requirements.
19. We are responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls over compliance that provide reasonable assurance we have administered each of our federal awards programs and state projects in compliance with federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal and state awards.
20. We have made available to you all federal and state awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence or documentation relevant to each of our federal and state awards programs and to our compliance with applicable requirements of those programs.

21. The information presented in federal and state awards program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements is supported by the books and records from which our financial statements have been prepared.
22. The costs charged to federal awards and state awards are in accordance with applicable cost principles.
23. The reports provided to you related to federal and state awards programs are true copies of reports submitted or electronically transmitted to the federal and state awarding agency, the applicable payment system, or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient.
24. Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) regarding cost principles.
25. We have monitored any subrecipients to determine that they have expended federal awards in accordance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward and have met the audit and other requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
26. We have taken appropriate corrective action on a timely basis after receipt of any subrecipient's auditor's report that identified findings and questioned costs pertaining to federal awards programs we passed through to the subrecipient.
27. We have considered the results of any subrecipient's audits received and made any necessary adjustments to our books and records.
28. We have disclosed to you any communications from federal or state awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements for each of our federal and state awards programs, including any communications received from the end of the period of your audit through the date of this letter.
29. We have identified to you any previous compliance audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring related to the objectives of your compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken to address any significant findings and recommendations made in such audits, attestation engagements, or other monitoring.
30. The reporting package does not contain any protected personally identifiable information.
31. No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors

that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.

Misappropriation, Misstatements, & Fraud

32. We have informed you of all current risks of a material amount that are not adequately prevented or detected by our procedures with respect to:
 - a. Misappropriation of assets.
 - b. Misrepresented or misstated assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, or fund balance.
33. We have no knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving:
 - a. Management or employees who have significant roles in internal control over financial reporting, or
 - b. Others, when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
34. We understand that the term "fraud" includes misstatements arising from fraudulent financial reporting and misstatements arising from misappropriation of assets. Misstatements arising from fraudulent financial reporting are intentional misstatements, or omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users. Misstatements arising from misappropriation of assets involve the theft of an entity's assets where the effect of the theft causes the financial statements not to be presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
35. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, customers, analysts, SEC or other regulators, citizens, suppliers, or others.
36. We have assessed the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud and disclosed to you any such risk identified.

Ongoing Operations

37. We have evaluated whether there are conditions or events known or reasonably knowable, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year of the date of the financial statements and known facts thereafter without consideration of potential mitigating effects of management's plans, and concluded that substantial doubt does not exist.

Related Parties

38. We have disclosed to you the identity of all of the entity's related parties and all the related-party relationships of which we are aware.

In addition, we have disclosed to you all related-party transactions and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties of which we are aware, including any modifications during the year that were made to related-party transaction agreements which existed prior to the beginning of the year under audit, as well as new related-party transaction agreements that were executed during the year under audit.

Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

39. We understand that the term related party refers to:

- Affiliates
- Trusts for the benefit of employees, such as pension and profit-sharing trusts that are managed by or under the trusteeship of management
- Board Members and members of their immediate families
- Management and members of their immediate families
- Any other party with which the entity may deal if one party can significantly influence the management or operating policies of the other to an extent that one of the transacting parties might be prevented from fully pursuing its own separate interests.

Another party is also a related party if it can significantly influence the management or operating policies of the transacting parties or if it has an ownership interest in one of the transacting parties and can significantly influence the other to an extent that one or more of the transacting parties might be prevented from fully pursuing its own separate interests.

The term affiliate refers to a party that directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the entity.

Litigation, Laws, Rulings & Regulations

40. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. The

effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

41. We have no knowledge of communications, other than those specifically disclosed, from regulatory agencies, governmental representatives, employees, or others concerning investigations or allegations of noncompliance with laws and regulations, deficiencies in financial reporting practices, or other matters that could have a material adverse effect on the financial statements.
42. We have disclosed to you all known instances of violations or noncompliance or possible violations or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
43. There are no regulatory examinations currently in progress for which we have not received examination reports.
44. We have no reason to believe the entity owes any penalties or payments under the Employer Shared Responsibility Provisions of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, nor have we received any correspondence from the IRS or other agencies indicating such payments may be due. Adequate provisions have been accrued for potential penalties or payments due under the Employer Shared Responsibility Provisions of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*.
45. We have not been designated as a potentially responsible party (PRP or equivalent status) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or other cognizant regulatory agency with authority to enforce environmental laws and regulations.

Financial Statements & Reports

46. With regard to supplementary information:
 - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
 - b. We believe the supplementary information is fairly presented, both in form and content, in accordance with the applicable criteria.
 - c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information are unchanged from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

- d. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and/or presentation of the supplementary information are reasonable and appropriate.
 - e. We understand that consolidating supplementary information is for purposes of additional analysis of the financial statements rather than to present the financial position and results of operations of each of the individual companies.
 - f. If the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date such information and the related auditor's report are issued.
47. With regard to other information that is presented in the form of our annual comprehensive financial report:
- a. We confirm that introductory and statistical sections, as listed in the table of contents, comprise the annual report for the entity.
 - b. We have provided you with the final draft of the annual comprehensive financial report.

Transactions, Records, & Adjustments

48. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
49. The entity has appropriately reconciled its general ledger accounts to their related supporting information. All related reconciling items considered to be material were identified and included on the reconciliations and were appropriately adjusted in the financial statements. All intra-entity (and inter-entity) accounts have been eliminated or appropriately measured and considered for disclosure in the financial statements.
50. We have everything we need to keep our books and records.
51. We have disclosed any significant unusual transactions the entity has entered into during the period, including the nature, terms, and business purpose of those transactions.

Governmental Accounting & Disclosure Matters

52. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
53. With regard to deposit and investment activities:

- a. All deposit and investment transactions have been made in accordance with legal and contractual requirements.
 - b. Investments are properly valued.
 - c. Disclosures of deposit and investment balances and risks in the financial statements are consistent with our understanding of the applicable laws regarding enforceability of any pledges of collateral.
 - d. We understand that your audit does not represent an opinion regarding the enforceability of any collateral pledges.
 - e. Risk disclosures associated with deposit and investment securities and derivative instrument transactions are presented in accordance with GASB requirements.
54. The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
55. We have identified and evaluated all potential fiduciary activities. The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, as amended.
56. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
57. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated or amortized.
58. We have appropriately disclosed the entity's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance is available, and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
59. The government has properly separated information in debt disclosures related to direct borrowings and direct placements of debt from other debt and disclosed any unused lines of credit, collateral pledged to secure debt, terms in debt agreements related to significant default or termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses in accordance with GASB Statement No. 88.

60. Leases have been properly identified, recorded, and disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*.
61. The government has properly disclosed or recognized conduit debt obligations and/or certain arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations in accordance with GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*.
62. Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) have been properly identified, recorded, and disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*.
63. The government has properly measured, recorded, and disclosed compensated absences and other salary-related payments in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*.
64. The government has appropriately considered and disclosed its vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints in accordance with GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*.
65. We have identified and evaluated all potential tax abatements, and we believe there are no material tax abatements other than those that have been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The government has disclosed the names of entities with which it has a tax abatement agreement, the total gross amount of taxes abated during the period, the specific taxes that were abated, and whether any commitments other than to reduce taxes were made as part of any tax abatement agreement as required by GASB Statement No. 77. The government has disclosed tax abatements entered into by other governments that affect its revenues, including the names of the governments that entered into the agreements, the specified taxes being abated, and the gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period, as required by GASB Statement No. 77.
66. The supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, consisting of management's discussion and analysis, pension, and other postemployment benefit information, has been prepared and is measured and presented in conformity with the applicable GASB pronouncements, and we acknowledge our responsibility for the information. The information contained therein is based on all facts, decisions, and conditions currently known to us and is measured using the same methods and assumptions as were used in the preparation of the financial statements. We believe the significant assumptions underlying the measurement and/or presentation of the information are reasonable and appropriate. There has been no change from the preceding period in the methods of measurement and presentation.

67. With regard to pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB):
- a. We believe the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension and OPEB liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
 - b. We have provided you with the entity's most current pension and OPEB plan instrument for the audit period, including all plan amendments.
 - c. The participant data provided to you related to pension and OPEB plans are true copies of the data submitted or electronically transmitted to the plan's actuary.
 - d. The participant data that we provided the plan's actuary for the purposes of determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits and other actuarially determined amounts in the financial statements were complete.

General Government Matters

68. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, as amended.
69. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, as amended, and No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus—an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 21 and No. 34*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
70. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
71. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
72. We have appropriately disclosed that the entity is following either its established accounting policy regarding which governmental fund resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available or

is following paragraph 18 of GASB Statement No. 54 to determine the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes and have determined that fund balance is properly recognized under the policy.

73. We have exercised due care in the preparation of the introductory and statistical sections included in our annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) and are not aware of any information contained therein that is inconsistent with the information contained in our basic financial statements.

Accounting & Disclosure

74. All transactions entered into by the entity are final. We are not aware of any unrecorded transactions, side agreements or other arrangements (either written or oral) that are in place.

75. Except as reflected in the financial statements, there are no:

- a. Plans or intentions that may materially affect carrying values or classifications of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position or fund balance.
- b. Material transactions omitted or improperly recorded in the financial records.
- c. Material unasserted claims or assessments that are probable of assertion or other gain/loss contingencies requiring accrual or disclosure, including those arising from environmental remediation obligations.
- d. Events occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date through the date of this letter, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.
- e. Agreements to purchase assets previously sold.
- f. Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances, lines of credit, or similar arrangements.
- g. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the entity is contingently liable.
- h. Known or anticipated asset retirement obligations.

76. Except as disclosed in the financial statements, the entity has:

- a. Satisfactory title to all recorded assets, and those assets are not subject to any liens, pledges, or other encumbrances.

- b. Complied with all aspects of contractual and grant agreements, for which noncompliance would materially affect the financial statements.
77. We agree with the findings of specialists in evaluating the Net Pension liability, Other Postemployment Benefits liability, and self-insurance liability and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to the specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.

Revenue, Accounts Receivable, & Inventory

78. Adequate provisions, allowances, or other adjustments in basis have been recorded for any material losses from:
- a. Uncollectible receivables.
 - b. Excess or obsolete inventories.
 - c. Sales commitments, including those unable to be fulfilled.
 - d. Purchase commitments in excess of normal requirements or at prices in excess of prevailing market prices.

Estimates

79. We have identified all accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements and we confirm the appropriateness of the methods and the consistency in their application, the accuracy and completeness of data, and the reasonableness of significant assumptions used by us in making the accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value reported in the financial statements.
80. Significant estimates that may be subject to a material change in the near term have been properly disclosed in the financial statements. We understand that “near term” means the period within one year of the date of the financial statements. In addition, we have no knowledge of concentrations, which refer to a lack of diversity related to employers, industries, inflows of resources, workforce covered by collective bargaining agreements, providers of financial resources, or suppliers of material, labor or services, or constraints, which refer to a limitation imposed by an external party or by formal action of a government’s highest level of decision-making authority related to limitations on raising revenue, limitations on spending, limitations on the incurrence of debt, or

mandated spending, existing at the date of the financial statements that would make the entity vulnerable to the risk of severe impact in the near term that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements.

Fair Value

81. With respect to the fair value measurements of financial and nonfinancial assets and liabilities, if any, recognized in the financial statements or disclosed in the notes thereto:
- a. The underlying assumptions are reasonable and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated course of action.
 - b. The measurement methods and significant assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances for financial statement measurement and disclosure purposes and have been consistently applied.
 - c. The significant assumptions appropriately reflect market participant assumptions.
 - d. The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - e. There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.

Tax-Exempt Bonds

82. Tax-exempt bonds issued have retained their tax-exempt status.
83. We have notified you of any instances of noncompliance with applicable disclosure requirements of the SEC Rule 15c2-12 and applicable state laws.

Examination Report on Compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, 365.172(10) and 365.173(2) Florida Statutes.

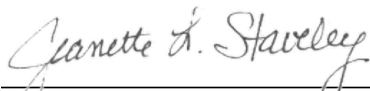
84. All relevant matters are reflected in the measurement or evaluation of the Statutes.
85. All known matters contradicting the compliance with Sections 218.415, 365.172(10) and 365.173(2) of Florida Statutes and any communication from regulatory agencies affecting the compliance have been disclosed to you,

including any communications received between the end of the period addressed in the written assertion and the date of your report.

86. We are responsible for the compliance with Sections 218.415, 365.172(10) and 365.173(2) of Florida Statutes.
87. We are responsible for the selection of suitable criteria and determining that such criteria are appropriate for our purposes, and for ensuring the criteria will be available to the intended users.
88. We have provided you with all relevant information and access.
89. We have disclosed to you all known matters that would materially affect the compliance.
90. We have disclosed to you all known events subsequent to the period (or point in time) of the subject matter being reported on that would have a material effect on the compliance.
91. With regard to compliance, we acknowledge the following:
 - a. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance.
 - b. We have performed an evaluation of compliance with the specified requirements.
92. Compliance Assertion
 - a. Pinellas County complied with Sections 218.415, 365.172(10) and 365.173(2) as of September 30, 2025.



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