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**Financial Audit**

**LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE**

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2024



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The team leader was Nicholas J. DeCandia, CPA, and the audit was supervised by Jeffrey M. Brizendine, CPA.

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# SUMMARY

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## SUMMARY OF REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit disclosed that the basic financial statements of Lake-Sumter State College (a component unit of the State of Florida) were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with prescribed financial reporting standards.

## SUMMARY OF REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

Our audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

## AUDIT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

Our audit objectives were to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole were free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that included our opinion. In doing so we:

- Exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks.
- Obtained 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 College's internal control.
- Evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Concluded whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the College's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- Examined various transactions to determine whether they were executed, in both manner and substance, in accordance with governing provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.
- Determined whether corrective action was taken for the finding included in our report No. 2024-133.

An examination of Federal awards administered by the College is included within the scope of our Statewide audit of Federal awards administered by the State of Florida.

## AUDIT METHODOLOGY

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of Lake-Sumter State College, a component unit of the State of Florida, and its discretely presented component unit as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Lake-Sumter State College and of its discretely presented component unit as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the discretely presented component unit, which represent 100 percent of the transactions and account balances of the discretely presented component unit columns as of June 30, 2024. 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 discretely presented component unit, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*). 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 College 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 opinions.

### ***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 College's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 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 opinions. 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 College'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 College'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 **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**, the **Schedule of Changes in the College's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios**, **Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of College Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, **Schedule of College Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, and **Notes to Required Supplementary Information** 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 GAAS, 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.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 10, 2025, on our consideration of the Lake-Sumter State College's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters included under the heading **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**. 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 College'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 College's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA  
Tallahassee, Florida  
February 10, 2025

## ***MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS***

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Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) provides an overview of the financial position and activities of the College for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto. The MD&A, and financial statements and notes thereto, are the responsibility of College management. The MD&A contains financial activity of the College for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2023.

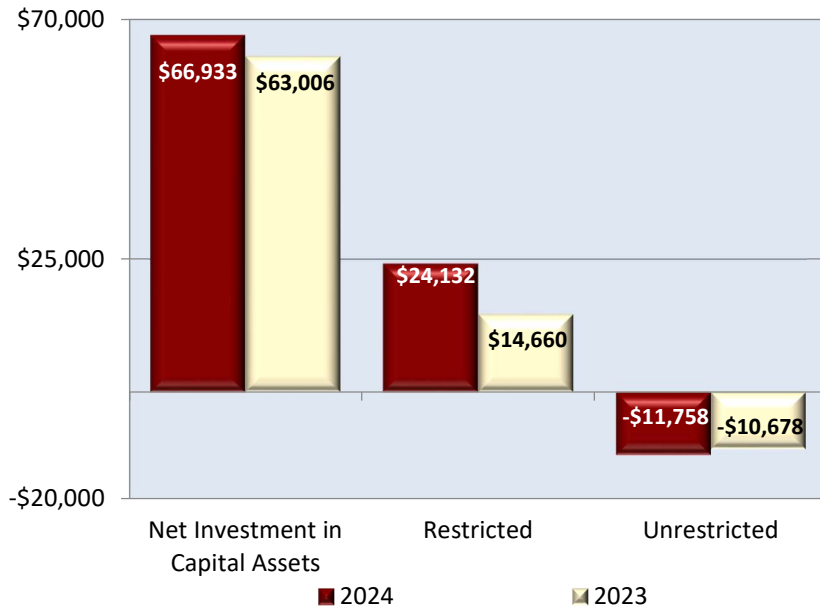
### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The College's assets and deferred outflows of resources totaled \$105.4 million at June 30, 2024. This balance reflects a \$17.3 million, or 19.6 percent, increase as compared to the 2022-23 fiscal year, resulting primarily from an increase in due from other governmental agencies. While assets and deferred outflows of resources grew, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased by \$5 million, or 23.4 percent, totaling \$26.1 million at June 30, 2024, resulting primarily from an increase in net pension liabilities and payables. As a result, the College's net position increased by \$12.3 million, resulting in a year-end balance of \$79.3 million.

The College's operating revenues totaled \$11.6 million for the 2023-24 fiscal year, representing a 24 percent increase compared to the 2022-23 fiscal year due mainly to an increase in non-governmental grants and an increase in net student tuition and fees related to growth in enrollment. Operating expenses totaled \$54.3 million for the 2023-24 fiscal year, representing an increase of 23.6 percent as compared to the 2022-23 fiscal year due mainly to an increase of personnel services.

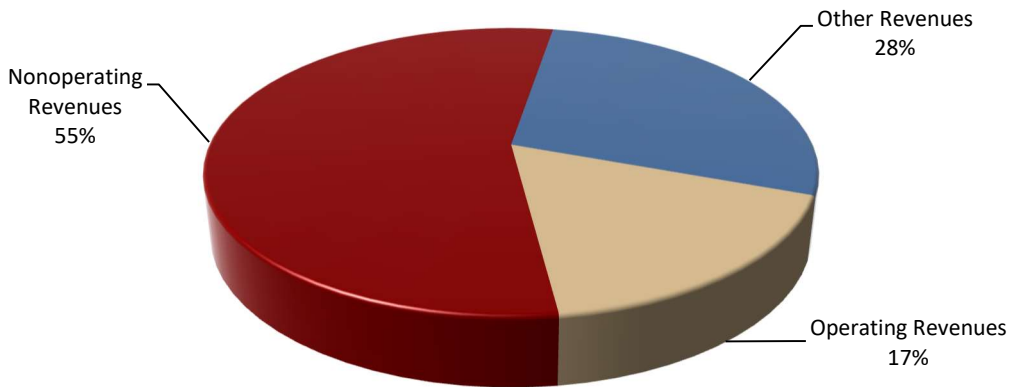
Net position represents the residual interest in the College's assets and deferred outflows of resources after deducting liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The College's comparative total net position by category for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2023, is shown in the following graph:

**Net Position  
(In Thousands)**



The following chart provides a graphical presentation of College revenues by category for the 2023-24 fiscal year:

**Total Revenues  
2023-24 Fiscal Year**



**OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Pursuant to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 35, the College’s financial report consists of three basic financial statements: the statement of net position; the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; and the statement of cash flows. The financial statements, and notes thereto, encompass the College and its component unit, the Lake-Sumter State College Foundation, Inc. (Foundation). Based on the application of the criteria for determining component units, the Foundation is included within the College reporting entity as a discretely presented

component unit. This MD&A focuses on the College, excluding the discretely presented component unit. MD&A information for the Foundation is included in their separately issued audit report.

### **The Statement of Net Position**

The statement of net position reflects the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of the College, using the accrual basis of accounting, and presents the financial position of the College at a specified time. Assets, plus deferred outflows of resources, less liabilities, less deferred inflows of resources, equals net position, which is one indicator of the College's current financial condition. The changes in net position that occur over time indicate improvement or deterioration in the College's financial condition.

The following summarizes the College's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position at June 30:

#### **Condensed Statement of Net Position at June 30**

(In Thousands)

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 27,211	\$ 12,463
Capital Assets, Net	68,050	63,208
Other Noncurrent Assets	5,085	8,414
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100,346</b>	<b>84,085</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>5,090</b>	<b>4,079</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	4,874	2,651
Noncurrent Liabilities	18,953	16,085
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>23,827</b>	<b>18,736</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>2,440</b>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	66,933	63,006
Restricted	24,132	14,660
Unrestricted	(11,758)	(10,678)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 79,307</b>	<b>\$ 66,988</b>

### **The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents the College's revenue and expense activity, categorized as operating and nonoperating. Revenues and expenses are recognized when earned or incurred, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The following summarizes the College's activity for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

**Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
For the Fiscal Years**

(In Thousands)

	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Operating Revenues	\$ 11,588	\$ 9,342
Less, Operating Expenses	54,312	43,950
<b>Operating Loss</b>	(42,724)	(34,608)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	36,441	34,038
<b>Loss Before Other Revenues</b>	(6,283)	(570)
Other Revenues	18,602	8,248
<b>Net Increase In Net Position</b>	12,319	7,678
Net Position, Beginning of Year	66,988	59,310
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	\$ 79,307	\$ 66,988

**Operating Revenues**

GASB Statement No. 35 categorizes revenues as either operating or nonoperating. Operating revenues generally result from exchange transactions where each of the parties to the transaction either gives or receives something of equal or similar value.

The following summarizes the operating revenues by source that were used to fund operating activities for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

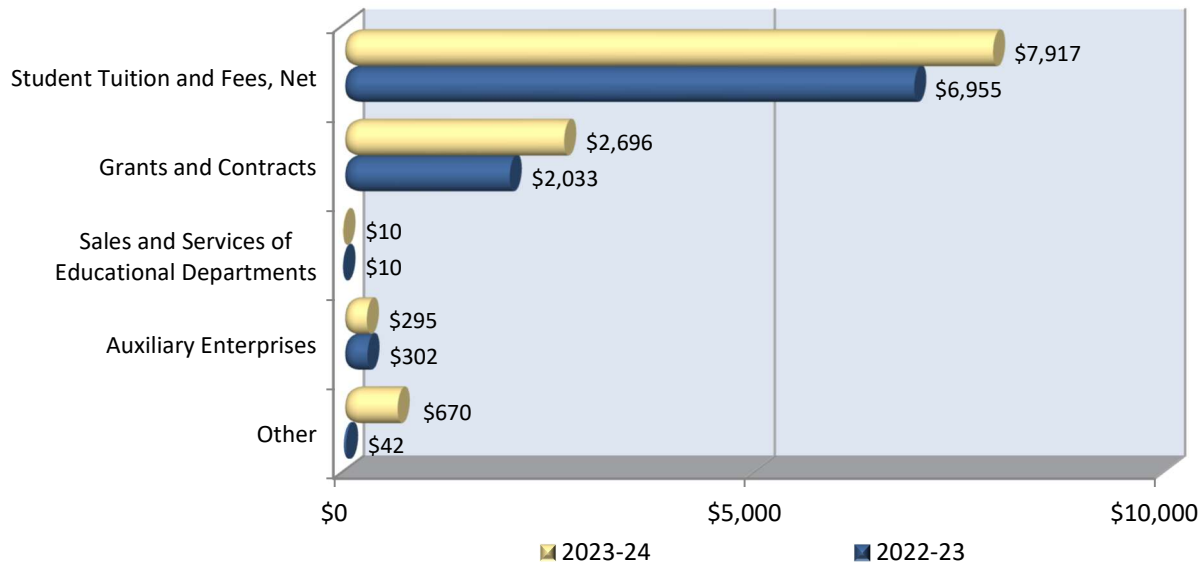
**Operating Revenues  
For the Fiscal Years**

(In Thousands)

	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 7,917	\$ 6,955
Grants and Contracts	2,696	2,033
Sales and Services of Educational Departments	10	10
Auxiliary Enterprises	295	302
Other	670	42
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 11,588	\$ 9,342

The following chart presents the College's operating revenues for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

**Operating Revenues**  
(In Thousands)



**Operating Expenses**

Expenses are categorized as operating or nonoperating. The majority of the College’s expenses are operating expenses as defined by GASB Statement No. 35. GASB gives financial reporting entities the choice of reporting operating expenses in the functional or natural classifications. The College has chosen to report the expenses in their natural classification on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and has displayed the functional classification in the notes to financial statements.

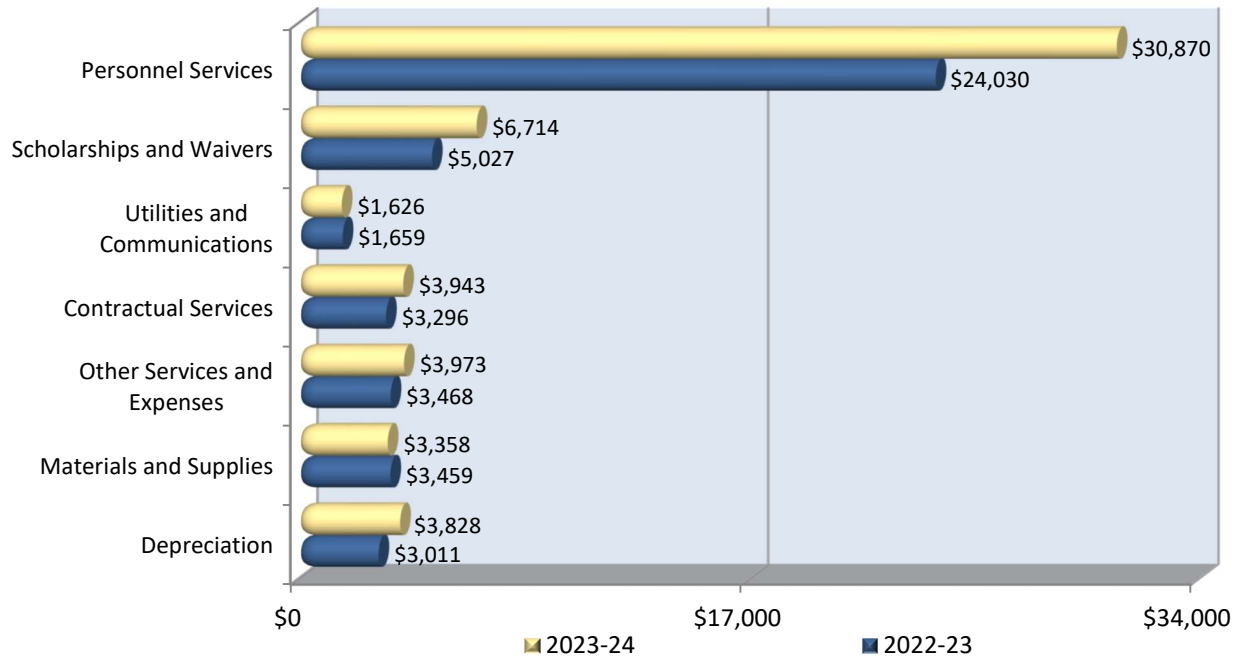
The following summarizes operating expenses by natural classification for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

**Operating Expenses**  
**For the Fiscal Years**  
(In Thousands)

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
Personnel Services	\$ 30,870	\$ 24,030
Scholarships and Waivers	6,714	5,027
Utilities and Communications	1,626	1,659
Contractual Services	3,943	3,296
Other Services and Expenses	3,973	3,468
Materials and Supplies	3,358	3,459
Depreciation	3,828	3,011
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 54,312</b>	<b>\$ 43,950</b>

The following chart presents the College’s operating expenses for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

**Operating Expenses**  
(In Thousands)



**Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses**

Certain revenue sources that the College relies on to provide funding for operations, including State noncapital appropriations, Federal and State student financial aid, certain gifts and grants, and investment income, are defined by GASB as nonoperating. Nonoperating expenses include capital financing costs and other costs related to capital assets. The following summarizes the College's nonoperating revenues and expenses for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

**Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)**  
**For the Fiscal Years**  
(In Thousands)

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
State Noncapital Appropriations	\$ 25,722	\$ 23,394
Federal and State Student Financial Aid	8,133	7,157
Gifts and Grants	2,266	3,253
Investment Income	327	237
Interest on Capital Asset-Related Debt	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(3)</u>
<b>Net Nonoperating Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 36,441</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,038</u></b>

Nonoperating revenues and expenses for the 2023-24 fiscal year were \$36.4 million, an increase of \$2.4 million compared to the 2022-23 fiscal year. The charge was primarily the result of an increase in State noncapital appropriations attributed to the Florida College System Program Fund.



## Other Revenues

This category is composed of State capital appropriations and capital grants, contracts, gifts, and fees. The following summarizes the College's other revenues for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

<b>Other Revenues For the Fiscal Years</b>		
<b>(In Thousands)</b>		
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
State Capital Appropriations	\$ 17,538	\$ 186
Capital Grants, Contracts, Gifts, and Fees	<u>1,064</u>	<u>8,062</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 18,602</u>	<u>\$ 8,248</u>

Other revenues increased by \$10.4 million due to State capital appropriations for Public Education Capital Outlay.

## The Statement of Cash Flows

The statement of cash flows provides information about the College's financial results by reporting the major sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents. This statement will assist in evaluating the College's ability to generate net cash flows, its ability to meet its financial obligations as they come due, and its need for external financing. Cash flows from operating activities show the net cash used by the operating activities of the College. Cash flows from capital financing activities include all plant funds and related long-term debt activities. Cash flows from investing activities show the net source and use of cash related to purchasing or selling investments, and earning income on those investments. Cash flows from noncapital financing activities include those activities not covered in other sections.

The following summarizes the College's cash flows for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 fiscal years:

<b>Condensed Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Years</b>		
<b>(In Thousands)</b>		
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
Cash Provided (Used) by:		
Operating Activities	\$ (36,139)	\$ (32,644)
Noncapital Financing Activities	35,785	33,816
Capital and Related Financing Activities	(2,132)	(651)
Investing Activities	<u>327</u>	<u>237</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(2,159)	758
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>10,304</u>	<u>9,546</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 8,145</u>	<u>\$ 10,304</u>

Major sources of funds came from State noncapital appropriations (\$25.7 million), net student tuition and fees (\$8.1 million), and Federal and State student financial aid (\$7.8 million). Major uses of funds were for payments to employees and for employee benefits (\$28.6 million), and payments to suppliers (\$10.8 million).

Changes in cash and cash equivalents were the result of the following factor: Increase in personnel services due to higher enrollment.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND CAPITAL EXPENSES AND COMMITMENTS**

**Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2024, the College had \$119.8 million in capital assets, less accumulated depreciation of \$51.8 million, for net capital assets of \$68 million. Depreciation charges for the current fiscal year totaled \$3.8 million. The following table summarizes the College’s capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at June 30:

**Capital Assets, Net at June 30**  
(In Thousands)

	2024	2023
Land	\$ 6,515	\$ 6,515
Construction in Progress	2,397	746
Buildings	48,604	50,612
Other Structures and Improvements	6,694	3,075
Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment	1,700	2,058
Leasehold Improvements	1,414	-
Assets Under Leases	726	202
<b>Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$68,050</b>	<b>\$63,208</b>

Additional information about the College’s capital assets is presented in the notes to financial statements.

**Capital Expenses and Commitments**

Major capital commitments as of June 30, 2024, were primarily for the construction of the Workforce Development Center and the renovation of the Student Services Building. The College’s construction commitments at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	<b>Amount</b> <b>(In Thousands)</b>
Total Committed	\$ 24,766
Completed to Date	2,398
<b>Balance Committed</b>	<b>\$ 22,368</b>

Additional information about the College’s construction commitments is presented in the notes to financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS THAT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE**

The College’s economic condition is closely tied to the appropriation of funds by the State of Florida. Due to increased demand for State resources, only a modest increase in State funding is anticipated in the 2024-25 fiscal year. The Board of Trustees did not increase the tuition rate or fees and is hopeful the State will provide funding to support the services mandated by State statutes. Both Lake and Sumter

Counties are experiencing population and economic growth and as a result, the College anticipates enrollment to continue to steadily grow. The College's current financial and capital plans indicate that the infusion of additional financial resources from an increase in tuition rates will be necessary to maintain its present level of services.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Questions concerning information provided in the MD&A or other required supplementary information, and financial statements and notes thereto, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Michelle D. Matis, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Lake-Sumter State College, 9501 US Hwy 441, Leesburg, Florida 34788.

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE A Component Unit of the State of Florida Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	College	Component Unit
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,421,883	\$ 3,048,577
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	144,674	-
Investments	-	19,537,534
Accounts Receivable, Net	1,812,931	31,522
Lease Receivable	124,440	-
Due from Other Governmental Agencies	20,314,299	-
Due from Component Unit	449,121	-
Prepaid Expenses	943,497	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>27,210,845</b>	<b>22,617,633</b>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,578,040	-
Restricted Investments	-	7,131,487
Lease Receivable	505,518	-
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	59,137,139	13,900
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	8,912,450	-
Other Assets	2,397	1,089,366
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>73,135,544</b>	<b>8,234,753</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>100,346,389</b>	<b>30,852,386</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Other Postemployment Benefits	28,747	-
Pensions	5,061,731	-
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>5,090,478</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	2,261,277	366,901
Salary and Payroll Taxes Payable	1,382,962	-
Retainage Payable	9,942	-
Due to Other Governmental Agencies	133,712	-
Unearned Revenue	488,211	1,135,209
Deposits Held for Others	118,235	-
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion:		
Lease Payable	154,284	-
Compensated Absences Payable	307,840	-
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	17,902	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>4,874,365</b>	<b>1,502,110</b>

	<u>College</u>	<u>Component Unit</u>
<b>LIABILITIES (Continued)</b>		
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Lease Payable	614,559	-
Compensated Absences Payable	1,752,077	-
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	168,750	-
Net Pension Liability	16,417,230	-
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>18,952,616</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>23,826,981</b>	<b>1,502,110</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Other Postemployment Benefits	486,700	-
Pensions	1,185,779	-
Lease Receivable	629,958	-
Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements	-	1,089,366
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>2,302,437</b>	<b>1,089,366</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	66,932,808	13,900
Restricted:		
Nonexpendable:		
Endowment	-	7,131,487
Expendable:		
Endowment	-	6,528,670
Grants and Loans	281,349	-
Scholarships	-	5,915,262
Capital Projects	23,850,795	2,571,975
Other	-	2,937,431
Unrestricted	(11,757,503)	3,162,185
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 79,307,449</b>	<b>\$ 28,260,910</b>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE**  
**A Component Unit of the State of Florida**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<b>College</b>	<b>Component Unit</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Operating Revenues:		
Student Tuition and Fees, Net of Scholarship Allowances of \$3,044,093	\$ 7,916,570	\$ -
Federal Grants and Contracts	146,859	-
State and Local Grants and Contracts	1,723,991	-
Nongovernmental Grants and Contracts	825,577	-
Sales and Services of Educational Departments	9,574	-
Auxiliary Enterprises	295,290	-
Other Operating Revenues	670,051	3,452,058
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>11,587,912</b>	<b>3,452,058</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operating Expenses:		
Personnel Services	30,869,836	454,985
Scholarships and Waivers	6,713,681	1,194,378
Utilities and Communications	1,626,263	-
Contractual Services	3,943,310	32,683
Other Services and Expenses	3,973,216	1,170,022
Materials and Supplies	3,357,787	15,267
Depreciation	3,828,031	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>54,312,124</b>	<b>2,867,335</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(42,724,212)</b>	<b>584,723</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
State Noncapital Appropriations	25,721,522	-
Federal and State Student Financial Aid	8,133,338	-
Gifts and Grants Received for Other Than Capital or Endowment Purposes	2,266,424	-
Investment Income	326,950	450,246
Net Gain on Investments	-	3,364,122
Interest on Capital Asset-Related Debt	(6,931)	-
<b>Net Nonoperating Revenues</b>	<b>36,441,303</b>	<b>3,814,368</b>
<b>Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues</b>	<b>(6,282,909)</b>	<b>4,399,091</b>
State Capital Appropriations	17,537,774	-
Capital Grants, Contracts, Gifts, and Fees	1,064,379	-
Additions to Endowments	-	82,414
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>18,602,153</b>	<b>82,414</b>
<b>Increase in Net Position</b>	<b>12,319,244</b>	<b>4,481,505</b>
Net Position, Beginning of Year	66,988,205	24,518,047
Adjustment to Beginning Net Position	-	(738,642)
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year, as Restated</b>	<b>66,988,205</b>	<b>23,779,405</b>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 79,307,449</b>	<b>\$ 28,260,910</b>

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**LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE**  
**A Component Unit of the State of Florida**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<b>College</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 8,103,419
Grants and Contracts	2,616,468
Payments to Suppliers	(10,832,103)
Payments for Utilities and Communications	(1,626,263)
Payments to Employees	(21,237,301)
Payments for Employee Benefits	(7,400,008)
Payments for Scholarships	(6,713,681)
Auxiliary Enterprises	295,290
Sales and Services of Educational Departments	9,574
Other Receipts	645,799
	<b>(36,138,806)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
State Noncapital Appropriations	25,721,522
Federal and State Student Financial Aid	7,809,044
Federal Direct Loan Program Receipts	2,338,924
Federal Direct Loan Program Disbursements	(2,351,541)
Gifts and Grants Received for Other Than Capital or Endowment Purposes	2,266,424
	<b>35,784,373</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
State Capital Appropriations	5,299,851
Capital Grants and Gifts	1,064,379
Purchases of Capital Assets	(8,489,262)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt and Leases	(6,931)
	<b>(2,131,963)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Investment Income	326,950
	<b>326,950</b>
<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(2,159,446)</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	10,304,043
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 8,144,597</b>



	<u>College</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Operating Loss	\$ (42,724,212)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	3,828,031
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Receivables, Net	174,301
Due From Other Governmental Agencies	(483,765)
Due From Component Unit	(148,105)
Prepaid Expenses	(118,598)
Accounts Payable	637,707
Salaries and Payroll Taxes Payable	793,607
Due to Other Governmental Agencies	16,218
Unearned Revenue	487,560
Deposits Held for Others	(40,470)
Compensated Absences Payable	184,961
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	(184,799)
Net Pension Liability	2,450,284
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	3,992
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	143,450
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	(1,015,676)
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions	(143,292)
<b>NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>\$ (36,138,806)</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## **1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Reporting Entity.** The governing body of Lake-Sumter State College, a component unit of the State of Florida, is the College Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees constitutes a corporation and is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Board of Trustees is under the general direction and control of the Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges, and is governed by State law and State Board of Education (SBE) rules. However, the Board of Trustees is directly responsible for the day-to-day operations and control of the College within the framework of applicable State laws and SBE rules. The College serves Lake and Sumter Counties.

Criteria for defining the reporting entity are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Sections 2100 and 2600. These criteria were used to evaluate potential component units for which the Board of Trustees is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Board of Trustees are such that exclusion would cause the College's financial statements to be misleading. Based on the application of these criteria, the College is a component unit of the State of Florida, and its financial balances and activities are reported in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report by discrete presentation.

**Discretely Presented Component Unit.** Based on the application of the criteria for determining component units, the Lake-Sumter State College Foundation, Inc. (Foundation), a legally separate entity, is included within the College's reporting entity as a discretely presented component unit and is governed by a separate board.

The Foundation is also a direct-support organization, as defined in Section 1004.70, Florida Statutes, and although legally separate from the College, is financially accountable to the College. The Foundation is managed independently, outside the College's budgeting process, and its powers generally are vested in a governing board pursuant to various State statutes. The Foundation receives, holds, invests, and administers property, and makes expenditures to or for the benefit of the College.

The Foundation is audited by other auditors pursuant to Section 1004.70(6), Florida Statutes. The Foundation's audited financial statements are available to the public and can be obtained from Dr. Laura Byrd, Interim President and Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Lake-Sumter State College, 9501 US Hwy 441, Leesburg, Florida 34788. The financial data reported on the accompanying financial statements was derived from the Foundation's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

**Basis of Presentation.** The College's accounting policies conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to public colleges and universities as prescribed by GASB. The National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) also provides the College with recommendations prescribed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by GASB and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). GASB allows public colleges various reporting options. The College has elected to report as an entity engaged in only

business-type activities. This election requires the adoption of the accrual basis of accounting and entitywide reporting including the following components:

- Management’s Discussion and Analysis
- Basic Financial Statements:
  - Statement of Net Position
  - Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
  - Statement of Cash Flows
  - Notes to Financial Statements
- Other Required Supplementary Information

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.** Basis of accounting refers to when revenues, expenses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Specifically, it relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The College’s financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange activities are generally recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. The College follows GASB standards of accounting and financial reporting.

The College’s component unit uses the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, and follows GASB standards of accounting and financial reporting.

Significant interdepartmental sales between auxiliary service departments and other institutional departments have been accounted for as reductions of expenses and not revenues of those departments.

The College’s principal operating activity is instruction. Operating revenues and expenses generally include all fiscal transactions directly related to instruction as well as administration, academic support, student services, physical plant operations, and depreciation of capital assets. Nonoperating revenues include State noncapital appropriations, Federal and State student financial aid, gifts and grants, and investment income. Interest on capital asset-related debt is a nonoperating expense. Other revenues generally include revenues for capital construction projects.

The statement of net position is presented in a classified format to distinguish between current and noncurrent assets and liabilities. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available to fund certain programs, it is the College’s policy to first apply the restricted resources to such programs followed by the use of the unrestricted resources.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position is presented by major sources and is reported net of tuition scholarship allowances. Tuition scholarship allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the College and the amount that is actually paid by

the student or the third party making payment on behalf of the student. The College applied the “Alternate Method” as prescribed in NACUBO Advisory Report 2000-05 to determine the reported net tuition scholarship allowances. Under this method, the College computes these amounts by allocating the cash payments to students, excluding payments for services, using a ratio of total aid to aid not considered third-party aid.

The statement of cash flows is presented using the direct method in compliance with GASB Statement No. 9, *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents.** The amount reported as cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, cash in demand accounts, and cash with the State Treasury Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA), State Board of Administration (SBA) Florida PRIME, and the Florida Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (FLCLASS) investment pools. For reporting cash flows, the College considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of 3 months or less, that are not held solely for income or profit, to be cash equivalents. Under this definition, the College considers amounts invested in the State Treasury SPIA, SBA Florida PRIME, and the FLCLASS investment pools to be cash equivalents.

College cash deposits are held in banks qualified as public depositories under Florida law. All such deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, up to specified limits, or collateralized with securities held in Florida’s multiple financial institution collateral pool required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. Cash and cash equivalents that are externally restricted to make debt service payments, maintain sinking or reserve funds, or to purchase or construct capital or other restricted assets are classified as restricted.

At June 30, 2024, the College reported as cash equivalents at fair value \$4,090,471 in the State Treasury SPIA investment pool representing ownership of a share of the pool, not the underlying securities (Level 3 inputs, as discussed in Note 3.). Pooled investments with the State Treasury are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Oversight of the pooled investments with the State Treasury is provided by the Treasury Investment Committee per Section 17.575, Florida Statutes. The authorized investment types are set forth in Section 17.57, Florida Statutes. The State Treasury SPIA investment pool carried a credit rating of AA-f by Standard & Poor’s, had an effective duration of 3.23 years and fair value factor of 0.9958 at June 30, 2024. Participants contribute to the State Treasury SPIA investment pool on a dollar basis. These funds are commingled and a fair value of the pool is determined from the individual values of the securities. The fair value of the securities is summed and a total pool fair value is determined. A fair value factor is calculated by dividing the pool’s total fair value by the pool participant’s total cash balance. The fair value factor is the ratio used to determine the fair value of an individual participant’s pool balance. The College relies on policies developed by the State Treasury for managing interest rate risk or credit risk for this investment pool. Disclosures for the State Treasury SPIA investment pool are included in the notes to financial statements of the State’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

At June 30, 2024, the College reported as cash equivalents \$56,406 in the Florida PRIME investment pool administered by the SBA pursuant to Section 218.405, Florida Statutes. The College’s investments in the Florida PRIME investment pool, which the SBA indicates is a Securities and Exchange

Commission Rule 2a7-like external investment pool, are similar to money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. The Florida PRIME investment pool carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard & Poor's and had a weighted-average days to maturity (WAM) of 45 days as of June 30, 2024. A portfolio's WAM reflects the average maturity in days based on final maturity or reset date, in the case of floating-rate instruments. WAM measures the sensitivity of the Florida PRIME investment pool to interest rate changes. The investments in the Florida PRIME investment pool are reported at amortized cost.

Section 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes, provides that "the principal, and any part thereof, of each account constituting the trust fund is subject to payment at any time from the moneys in the trust fund. However, the executive director may, in good faith, on the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the trust fund, for 48 hours limit contributions to or withdrawals from the trust fund to ensure that the Board [State Board of Administration] can invest moneys entrusted to it in exercising its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, and the Investment Advisory Council. The trustees shall convene an emergency meeting as soon as practicable from the time the executive director has instituted such measures and review the necessity of those measures. If the trustees are unable to convene an emergency meeting before the expiration of the 48-hour moratorium on contributions and withdrawals, the moratorium may be extended by the executive director until the trustees are able to meet to review the necessity for the moratorium. If the trustees agree with such measures, the trustees shall vote to continue the measures for up to an additional 15 days. The trustees must convene and vote to continue any such measures before the expiration of the time limit set, but in no case may the time limit set by the trustees exceed 15 days." As of June 30, 2024, there were no redemption fees or maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant's daily access to 100 percent of their account value.

At June 30, 2024, the College reported as cash equivalents \$2,277,046 in the FLCLASS Investment Pool. The FLCLASS Investment Pool was created via an interlocal agreement by and among State public agencies as described in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes. FLCLASS provides Florida governmental entities with a convenient method for investing in high-quality, short to medium-term securities carefully selected to optimize interest earnings while maximizing safety and liquidity. FLCLASS strives to minimize risk by managing portfolios in a manner that emphasizes the preservation of principal and only invests in securities that are permitted pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, Florida's Investment of Local Government Surplus Funds Act, Chapter 218.415, Florida Statutes, and the FLCLASS Investment Policies.

The FLCLASS Investment Pool is permitted to invest in the following: Obligations of the United States Government and its Agencies and Instrumentalities, Floating-Rate and Variable-Rate Obligations, Repurchase Agreements, Corporate Notes and Bonds, Obligations of Banks, Asset-Back Securities, Insurance Contracts, Collateralized Certificates of Deposit, Foreign Securities, Mortgage-Backed Securities, Securities Issued by Other Money Market Funds, and Section 218.415(16) Florida Statutes investments. Most of the investments are in Commercial Paper, Asset-Baked Commercial Paper, Repurchase Agreements, Collateralized Bank Deposits, Treasury Bills, Money Market Funds, and Certificates of Deposit. The FLCLASS received a credit rating of AAAM by Standard & Poor's Global

Ratings, offering same-day liquidity, a \$1 Stable NAV and WAM of equal to or less than 60 days. Withdrawal from FLCLASS requests will be honored on a same day basis. Although the FLCLASS has no limitations on participant withdrawals and each participant has the ability to withdraw 100 percent of its account balance on any business day, the FLCLASS Administrator (with consent of the investment pool's board) reserves the right to suspend or postpone a participant's right to withdrawals during a period of crisis in the United States financial markets. The investments in the FLCLASS Investment Pool (consisting primarily of Level 2 inputs, as discussed in Note 3.) are reposted at fair value rather than amortized cost.

**Capital Assets.** College capital assets consist of land, construction in progress, buildings, other structures and improvements, furniture, machinery, and equipment, leasehold improvements and assets under lease. These assets are capitalized and recorded at cost at the date of acquisition or at acquisition value at the date received in the case of gifts and purchases of State surplus property. Additions, improvements, and other outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. The College has a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 for tangible personal property and \$25,000 for buildings and other structures and improvements. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

- Buildings – 40 years
- Other Structures and Improvements – 10 years
- Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment:
  - Computer Equipment – 3 years
  - Vehicles, Office Machines, and Educational Equipment – 5 years
  - Furniture – 7 years
- Leasehold Improvements – 7 years
- Assets Under Lease – 3 to 10 years

**Noncurrent Liabilities.** Noncurrent liabilities include a lease payable, compensated absences payable, other postemployment benefits payable, and net pension liabilities that are not scheduled to be paid within the next fiscal year.

**Pensions.** For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net positions of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan and additions to/deductions from the FRS and HIS fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS and the HIS plans. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

## **2. Deficit Net Position in Individual Funds**

The College reported an unrestricted net position which included a deficit in the current funds - unrestricted, as shown below. This deficit can be attributed to the full recognition of long-term

liabilities (i.e., compensated absences payable, other postemployment benefits payable, and net pension liabilities) in the current unrestricted funds.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Net Position</u>
Current Funds - Unrestricted	\$ (13,884,961)
Auxiliary Funds	<u>2,127,458</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ (11,757,503)</u></b>

### 3. Investments

The Board of Trustees has adopted a written investment policy providing that surplus funds of the College shall be invested in those institutions and instruments permitted under the provisions of Florida Statutes. Section 218.415(16), Florida Statutes, authorizes the College to invest in the Florida PRIME investment pool administered by the SBA; Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency; interest-bearing time deposits and savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined by Section 280.02, Florida Statutes; direct obligations of the United States Treasury; obligations of Federal agencies and instrumentalities; securities of, or interests in, certain open-end or closed-end management type investment companies; and other investments approved by the Board of Trustees as authorized by law. SBE Rule 6A-14.0765(3), Florida Administrative Code, provides that College loan, endowment, annuity, and life income funds may also be invested pursuant to Section 215.47, Florida Statutes. Investments authorized by Section 215.47, Florida Statutes, include bonds, notes, commercial paper, and various other types of investments. The College did not report any investments at June 30, 2024.

#### **Component Unit Investments – Foundation.**

As of December 31, 2023, the Foundation had the following investments and maturities:

<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Maturity In Years</b>		
		<b>1 - 5</b>	<b>6 - 10</b>	<b>More than 10</b>
Investment in Debt Obligations:				
United States Government Obligations	\$ 1,743,976	\$ 1,743,976	\$ -	\$ -
Mortgage-backed Securities	4,497	-	4,043	454
Corporate Bonds	<u>7,028,150</u>	<u>4,558,663</u>	<u>2,469,487</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Investments in Debt Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 8,776,623</b>	<b>\$ 6,302,639</b>	<b>\$ 2,473,530</b>	<b>\$ 454</b>
<b>Other Investments:</b>				
Mutal Funds - Fixed Income	417,120			
Equities	<u>17,475,278</u>			
<b>Total Component Unit Investments</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,669,021</u></b>			

The Foundation categorizes the fair measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Investments held by the Foundation at December 31, 2023, are reported as follows:

Investments by fair value level	Amount	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Debt Securities:</b>				
Government Obligations	\$ 1,743,976	\$ 1,743,976	\$ -	\$ -
Corporate Bonds	7,028,150	-	7,028,150	-
Mortgage-backed Securities	4,497		4,497	
<b>Total Debt Securities</b>	<b>8,776,623</b>	<b>1,743,976</b>	<b>7,032,647</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Equity Securities:</b>				
Equities	17,475,278	17,475,278	-	-
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	417,120	417,120	-	-
<b>Total Equity Securities</b>	<b>17,892,398</b>	<b>17,892,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 26,669,021</b>	<b>\$ 19,636,374</b>	<b>\$ 7,032,647</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

The Foundation mitigates risk by utilizing investment managers to build a portfolio within prudent risk ranges.

The following risks apply to the Foundation's investment debt securities:

**Interest Rate Risk:** Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Foundation's investment policy does not limit investment maturities except with respect to cash equivalents, which must have a maximum average maturity of less than 1 year. The Foundation manages its exposure to fair value losses from increasing interest rates through the segmented time distribution method.

**Credit Risk:** Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Foundation's investment policy limits its fixed income investments to an overall weighted average credit rating of "A" or better by Moody's or better by Standard & Poor's. No more than 15 percent of the fixed income portion of the portfolio shall be rated below investment grade (below Baa/BBB). All commercial paper investments must have a minimum rating of A1/P1 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's, respectively. Obligations of the United States Government and obligations explicitly guaranteed by the United States Government are not considered to have credit risk. At December 31, 2023, the Foundation's investments in bonds and notes had credit quality ratings by nationally-recognized rating agencies ranging from Baa1 to Aaa by Moody's and from BBB- to AAA by Standard & Poor's.

**Custodial Credit Risk:** Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of a counterparty to a transaction, the Foundation will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Lending of the Foundation's portfolio of securities is expressly prohibited by the Foundation's investment policy. While the brokerage and trust accounts are in the name of the Foundation, the securities are actually held in the trust department or agent's name.



*Concentration of Credit Risk:* Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Foundation's investment in a single issuer. The Foundation's investment policy limits investments in any one company to no more than 7 percent of the equity portion of its portfolio and no more than 10 percent of the fixed income portion of its portfolio, and the equity portion of the portfolio must maintain a minimum of 20 positions, with no position of any one issuer exceeding 8 percent of the manager's total portfolio. Securities issued by the United States Government or its agencies are not subject to these limitations. The policy also provides that no more than 5 percent of the portfolio may be invested in commercial paper of any one issuer, and no more than \$3,000,000 in bank certificates of deposit of any single issuer, unless the investments are fully collateralized by United States Treasury or agency securities. The policy further limits investments in any one economic sector to no more than 10 percent of the equity portion of the portfolio may be in American Depository Receipts, and no more than 60 percent of the fixed income portion of the portfolio may be invested in either corporate or mortgage-backed securities.

#### **4. Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable represent amounts for student fee deferments, various student services provided by the College, uncollected commissions for food service and vending machine sales, unused credit memos, and contract and grant reimbursements due from third parties. The accounts receivable are reported net of a \$127,064 allowance for doubtful accounts.

#### **5. Leases Receivable**

Leases receivable represent contracted arrangements for the use of the College's assets including facility rentals. The terms of the lease arrangements are determined by evaluating the non-cancelable term length, the optional term length, and assessing the likelihood with reasonable certainty the option to extend the term or terminate the agreement may occur. The term lengths are from 1 to 10 years. Lease revenues and interest revenues totaling \$644,109 and \$38,990 respectively, were received during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

#### **6. Due From Other Governmental Agencies**

The amount due from other governmental agencies primarily consists of \$17,500,000 of Public Education Capital Outlay allocations due from the State for construction of College facilities.

#### **7. Due From Component Unit**

The amount due from component unit totaling \$449,121 consists of amounts owed to the College by the Lake-Sumter State College Foundation, Inc. for scholarships and student aid pursuant to an agreement to support the College's operations. The College's financial statements are reported for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The College's component unit financial statements are reported for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Accordingly, amounts reported by the College as due from component unit on the statement of net position do not agree with amounts reported by the component unit as due to the College.

#### **8. Capital Assets**

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is shown in the following table:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 6,514,755	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,514,755
Construction in Progress	746,238	1,651,457	-	2,397,695
<b>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,260,993</b>	<b>\$ 1,651,457</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,912,450</b>
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Buildings	\$ 87,694,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,694,652
Other Structures and Improvements	9,101,934	4,416,791	-	13,518,725
Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment	6,880,682	302,831	66,861	7,116,652
Leasehold Improvements	-	1,649,173	-	1,649,173
Assets Under Lease	202,395	705,692	-	908,087
<b>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</b>	<b>103,879,663</b>	<b>7,074,487</b>	<b>66,861</b>	<b>110,887,289</b>
Less, Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	37,082,706	2,008,287	-	39,090,993
Other Structures and Improvements	6,027,231	797,513	-	6,824,744
Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment	4,822,304	622,389	27,647	5,417,046
Leasehold Improvements	-	235,596	-	235,596
Assets Under Lease	-	181,771	-	181,771
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>47,932,241</b>	<b>3,845,556</b>	<b>27,647</b>	<b>51,750,150</b>
<b>Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$ 55,947,422</b>	<b>\$ 3,228,931</b>	<b>\$ 39,214</b>	<b>\$ 59,137,139</b>

## 9. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue at June 30, 2024, totaling \$488,211 includes funds received in advance from the Open Door grant and America Rescue Plan Act for the Construction Management Associate in Science degree program.

## 10. Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is shown in the following table:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Lease Payable	\$ 202,395	\$ 566,448	\$ -	\$ 768,843	\$ 154,284
Compensated Absences Payable	1,874,956	307,840	122,879	2,059,917	307,840
Other Postemployment					
Benefits Payable	371,451	36,023	220,822	186,652	17,902
Net Pension Liability	13,966,946	8,650,395	6,200,111	16,417,230	-
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 16,415,748</b>	<b>\$ 9,560,706</b>	<b>\$ 6,543,812</b>	<b>\$ 19,432,642</b>	<b>\$ 480,026</b>

**Compensated Absences Payable.** College employees may accrue annual and sick leave based on length of service, subject to certain limitations regarding the amount that will be paid upon termination. The College reports a liability for the accrued leave; however, State noncapital appropriations fund only the portion of accrued leave that is used or paid in the current fiscal year. Although the College expects the liability to be funded primarily from future appropriations, generally accepted accounting principles do not permit the recording of a receivable in anticipation of future appropriations. At June 30, 2024, the estimated liability for compensated absences, which includes the College's share of the Florida Retirement System and FICA contributions, totaled \$2,059,917. The current portion of the compensated

absences liability, \$307,840, is the amount expected to be paid in the coming fiscal year and represents a historical percentage of leave used applied to total accrued leave liability.

**Other Postemployment Benefits Payable.** The College follows GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, for other postemployment benefits administered by the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium.

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

*Plan Description.* The Other Postemployment Benefits Plan (OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium that provides OPEB for all employees who satisfy the College’s retirement eligibility provisions. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, former employees who retire from the College are eligible to participate in the College’s health and hospitalization plan for medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, and life insurance coverage. The College subsidizes the premium rates paid by retirees by allowing them to participate in the OPEB Plan at reduced or blended group (implicitly subsidized) premium rates for both active and retired employees. These rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because, on an actuarial basis, their current and future claims are expected to result in higher costs to the OPEB Plan on average than those of active employees. The College does not offer any explicit subsidies for retiree coverage. Retirees are required to enroll in the Federal Medicare (Medicare) program for their primary coverage as soon as they are eligible. The OPEB Plan contribution requirements and benefit terms of the College and the OPEB Plan members are established and may be amended by action from the Board. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

*Benefits Provided.* The OPEB Plan provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents. The OPEB Plan only provides an implicit subsidy as described above.

*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms.* At June 30, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	4
Inactive Employees Entitled to But Not Yet Receiving Benefits	5
Active Employees	240
<b>Total</b>	249

**Total OPEB Liability**

The College’s total OPEB liability of \$186,652 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023.

*Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs.* The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	
Regular Employees	3.40 percent to 7.80 percent
Senior Management Employees	4.10 percent to 8.20 percent
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Prior Measurement Date	3.54 percent
Measurement Date	3.65 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates	
Pre-Medicare	7.00 percent for 2023, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.40 percent by 2034
Medicare	5.125 percent for 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.40 percent by 2027

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index.

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 mortality tables, with adjustments for FRS experience and generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2018.

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, and salary increases used in the June 30, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018, adopted by the FRS.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2023, valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2023, valuation.

### ***Changes in the Total OPEB Liability***

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Balance at 6/30/23</b>	<b>\$ 371,451</b>
<b>Changes for the year:</b>	
Service Cost	22,395
Interest	13,628
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(66,267)
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	(136,653)
Benefit Payments	(17,902)
<b>Net Changes</b>	<b>(184,799)</b>
<b>Balance at 6/30/24</b>	<b>\$ 186,652</b>

Changes of assumptions and other inputs since prior measurement date:

- Change in anticipated plan participation
- Change in medical trend
- Rates of retirement and DROP entry assumptions for all membership classes were updated for the 2023 actuarial valuation to reflect plan changes enacted by Senate Bill 7024
- Change in discount rate

*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.* The following table presents the total OPEB liability of the College, as well as what the College’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.65 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.65 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.65%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.65%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.65%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$211,013	\$186,652	\$166,275

*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates.* The following table presents the total OPEB liability of the College, as well as what the College’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$160,180	\$186,652	\$219,963

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized a negative OPEB expense of \$19,455. At June 30, 2024, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 172,964
Change of assumptions or other inputs	10,845	313,736
Transactions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>17,902</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 28,747</u>	<u>\$ 486,700</u>

Of the total amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, \$17,902 resulting from benefits paid subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the fiscal year will be included as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. 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>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ (55,478)
2026	(55,478)
2027	(54,372)
2028	(51,166)
2029	(49,175)
Thereafter	(210,186)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (475,855)</b>

**Net Pension Liability.** As a participating employer in the Florida Retirement System (FRS), the College recognizes its proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities of the FRS cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans. As of June 30, 2024, the College's proportionate share of the net pension liabilities totaled \$16,417,230. Note 11. includes a complete discussion of defined benefit pension plans.

## 11. Retirement Plans – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

### **General Information about the Florida Retirement System (FRS)**

The FRS was created in Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined benefit pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, also provides for nonintegrated, optional retirement programs in lieu of the FRS to certain members of the Senior Management Service Class employed by the State and faculty and specified employees of State colleges. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the HIS Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the College are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. An annual comprehensive financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services Web site ([www.dms.myflorida.com](http://www.dms.myflorida.com)).

The College's FRS and HIS pension expense totaled \$1,291,316 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

## **FRS Pension Plan**

*Plan Description.* The FRS Pension Plan (Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a DROP for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are as follows:

- *Regular Class* – Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.
- *Senior Management Service Class* – Members in senior management level positions.

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at 6 years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at 8 years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of creditable service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service. Employees enrolled in the Plan may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

The DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS-participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 96 months after electing to participate. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

*Benefits Provided.* Benefits under the Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 5 highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 8 highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on retirement plan and/or the class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following table shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned:

<b><u>Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service</u></b>	<b><u>% Value</u></b>
<b>Regular Class members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011</b>	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service	1.68
<b>Regular Class members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011</b>	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service	1.68
<b>Senior Management Service Class</b>	<b>2.00</b>

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member was initially enrolled in the Plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent per year. If the member was initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3 percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3 percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

*Contributions.* The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Contribution rates during the 2023-24 fiscal year were:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Gross Salary</u></b>	
	<b><u>Employee</u></b>	<b><u>Employer (1)</u></b>
FRS, Regular	3.00	13.57
FRS, Senior Management Service	3.00	34.52
Deferred Retirement Option Program (applicable to members from all of the above classes)	0.00	21.13
FRS, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	(2)

(1) Employer rates include 2 percent for the postemployment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include 0.06 percent for administrative costs of the Investment Plan.

(2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.

The College's contributions to the Plan totaled \$1,709,058 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.* At June 30, 2024, the College reported a liability of \$10,772,969 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The College's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the College's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the College's proportionate share was



0.027035946 percent, which was a decrease of 0.000675214 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized pension expense of \$671,847. In addition, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,011,489	\$ -
Change of assumptions	702,271	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on FRS Plan investments	449,908	-
Changes in proportion and differences between College FRS contributions and proportionate share of contributions	436,851	426,688
College FRS contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,709,058	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,309,577</b>	<b>\$ 426,688</b>

The deferred outflows of resources totaling \$1,709,058, resulting from College contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 806,293
2026	169,993
2027	1,032,020
2028	165,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,173,831</b>

*Actuarial Assumptions.* The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.70 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy’s description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u> (1)	<u>Annual Arithmetic Return</u>	<u>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Cash	1.0%	2.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Fixed Income	19.8%	4.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Global Equity	54.0%	8.7%	7.1%	18.1%
Real Estate (Property)	10.3%	7.6%	6.6%	14.8%
Private Equity	11.1%	11.9%	8.8%	26.3%
Strategic Investments	3.8%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
<b>Total</b>	<u>100.0%</u>			
Assumed inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.4%

(1) As outlined in the Plan’s investment policy.

*Discount Rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70 percent. The Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return. The discount rate used in the 2023 valuation was unchanged from the previous valuation.

*Sensitivity of the College’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.* The following presents the College’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.70 percent, as well as what the College’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (5.70 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (7.70 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.70%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.70%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.70%)</u>
College’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$18,402,424	\$10,772,969	\$4,390,016

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position.* Detailed information about the Plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

**HIS Pension Plan**

*Plan Description.* The HIS Pension Plan (HIS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida

Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

*Benefits Provided.* For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$7.50 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement with a minimum HIS payment of \$45 and a maximum HIS payment of \$225 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which can include Medicare.

*Contributions.* The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the contribution rate was 2.00 percent of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The College contributed 100 percent of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding 3 years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which HIS payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled.

The College's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$343,726 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.* At June 30, 2024, the College reported a net pension liability of \$5,644,261 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, and update procedures were used to determine the net pension liability as of July 1, 2023. The College's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the College's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the College's proportionate share was 0.035540222 percent, which was an increase of 0.001020709 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized pension expense of \$619,469. In addition, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between Expected and actual experience	\$ 82,628	\$ 13,248
Change of assumptions	148,386	489,094
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on HIS Plan investments	2,915	-
Changes in proportion and differences between College HIS contributions and proportionate share of HIS contributions	174,499	256,749
College contributions subsequent to the measurement date	343,726	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 752,154</b>	<b>\$ 759,091</b>

The deferred outflows of resources totaling \$343,726, resulting from College contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ (232,830)
2026	(110,165)
2027	(86,466)
2028	34,802
2029	43,996
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (350,663)</b>

*Actuarial Assumptions.* The total pension liability in the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal bond rate	3.65 percent

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

While an experience study had not been completed for the HIS Plan, the actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability for the HIS Plan were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Plan.

*Discount Rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.65 percent. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was

adopted as the applicable municipal bond index. The discount rate changed from 3.54 percent to 3.65 percent.

*Sensitivity of the College’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.* The following presents the College’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.65 percent, as well as what the College’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.65 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.65 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.65%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.65%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.65%)</u>
College’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$6,439,221	\$5,644,261	\$4,985,293

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position.* Detailed information about the HIS Plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

## 12. Retirement Plans – Defined Contribution Pension Plans

**FRS Investment Plan.** The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA’s annual financial statements and in the State’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. College employees already participating in the State College System Optional Retirement Program or DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Service retirement benefits are based upon the value of the member’s account upon retirement. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contributions rates, that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Senior Management Service Class, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of Investment Plan members. Allocations to the Investment Plan member accounts during the 2023-24 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Compensation</u>
FRS, Regular	11.30
FRS, Senior Management Service	12.67

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings regardless of membership class. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to 5 years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the College.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may roll over vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided in which the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The College's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$582,584 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

**State College System Optional Retirement Program.** Section 1012.875, Florida Statutes, provides for an Optional Retirement Program (Program) for eligible college instructors and administrators. The Program is designed to aid colleges in recruiting employees by offering more portability to employees not expected to remain in the FRS for 8 or more years.

The Program is a defined contribution plan, which provides full and immediate vesting of all contributions submitted to the participating companies on behalf of the participant. Employees in eligible positions can make an irrevocable election to participate in the Program, rather than the FRS, and purchase retirement and death benefits through contracts provided by certain insurance carriers. The employing college contributes 5.15 percent of the participant's salary to the participant's account and 4.78 percent to cover the unfunded actuarial liability of the FRS pension plan, for a total of 9.93 percent, and employees contribute 3 percent of the employee's salary. Additionally, the employee may contribute, by payroll deduction, an amount not to exceed the percentage contributed by the college to the participant's annuity account. The contributions are invested in the company or companies selected by the participant to create a fund for the purchase of annuities at retirement.

The College's contributions to the Program totaled \$66,504 and employee contributions totaled \$38,740 for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

### **13. Construction Commitments**

The College's construction commitments at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Total Commitment</u>	<u>Completed to Date</u>	<u>Balance Committed</u>
Workforce Development Center	\$ 17,500,000	\$ -	\$ 17,500,000
Student Services Building Renovation	2,635,843	198,833	2,437,010
Other Projects (1)	4,629,880	2,198,862	2,431,018
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,765,723</b>	<b>\$ 2,397,695</b>	<b>\$ 22,368,028</b>

(1) Individual projects with a current balance committed of less than \$1 million at June 30, 2024.

#### **14. Risk Management Programs**

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The College provided coverage for these risks primarily through the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium (Consortium), which was created under authority of Section 1001.64(27), Florida Statutes, by the boards of trustees of the Florida public colleges for the purpose of joining a cooperative effort to develop, implement, and participate in a coordinated Statewide college risk management program. The Consortium is self-sustaining through member assessments (premiums) and purchases excess insurance through commercial companies for claims in excess of specified amounts. Excess insurance from commercial companies provided coverage of up to \$75 million to February 29, 2024, and up to \$100 million from March 1, 2024, for property insurance. Insurance coverage obtained through the Consortium included fire and extended property, general and automobile liability, workers' compensation, health, life, and other liability coverage. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past 3 fiscal years.

#### **15. Litigation**

The College is involved in several pending and threatened legal actions. The range of potential loss from all such claims and actions, as estimated by the College's legal counsel and management, should not materially affect the College's financial position.

#### **16. Functional Distribution of Operating Expenses**

The functional classification of an operating expense (instruction, academic support, etc.) is assigned to a department based on the nature of the activity, which represents the material portion of the activity attributable to the department. For example, activities of an academic department for which the primary departmental function is instruction may include some activities other than direct instruction such as public service. However, when the primary mission of the department consists of instructional program elements, all expenses of the department are reported under the instruction classification. The operating expenses on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position are presented by natural classifications. The following are those same expenses presented in functional classifications as recommended by NACUBO:

<u>Functional Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction	\$ 11,320,363
Public Services	3,383
Academic Support	6,066,343
Student Services	6,923,918
Institutional Support	11,564,966
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	7,750,506
Scholarships and Waivers	6,713,681
Depreciation	3,828,031
Auxiliary Enterprises	140,933
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 54,312,124</b>



## **OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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### **Schedule of Changes in the College's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>							
Service cost	\$ 22,395	\$ 28,180	\$ 34,340	\$ 26,956	\$ 42,507	\$ 43,404	\$ 46,260
Interest	13,628	9,329	12,709	17,101	23,814	22,068	19,265
Difference between expected and actual experience	(66,267)	-	(128,929)	-	(28,197)	-	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(136,653)	(64,456)	(48,762)	44,715	(158,337)	(19,849)	(35,904)
Benefit Payments	(17,902)	(10,617)	(2,120)	(17,160)	(49,469)	(50,872)	(48,731)
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<b>(184,799)</b>	<b>(37,564)</b>	<b>(132,762)</b>	<b>71,612</b>	<b>(169,682)</b>	<b>(5,249)</b>	<b>(19,110)</b>
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	<u>371,451</u>	<u>409,015</u>	<u>541,777</u>	<u>470,165</u>	<u>639,847</u>	<u>645,096</u>	<u>664,206</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability - ending</b>	<b>\$ 186,652</b>	<b>\$ 371,451</b>	<b>\$ 409,015</b>	<b>\$ 541,777</b>	<b>\$ 470,165</b>	<b>\$ 639,847</b>	<b>\$ 645,096</b>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 13,898,966	\$ 11,454,409	\$ 11,454,409	\$ 11,663,213	\$ 11,663,213	\$ 11,424,377	\$ 11,424,377
<b>Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll</b>	<b>1.34%</b>	<b>3.24%</b>	<b>3.57%</b>	<b>4.65%</b>	<b>4.03%</b>	<b>5.60%</b>	<b>5.65%</b>

**Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability –  
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**

	<u>2023 (1)</u>	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>	<u>2020 (1)</u>
College's proportion of the FRS net pension liability	0.027035946%	0.027711160%	0.028973549%	0.026099410%
College's proportionate share of the FRS net pension liability	\$ 10,772,969	\$ 10,310,778	\$ 2,188,622	\$ 11,312,112
College's covered payroll (2)	\$ 15,315,539	\$ 13,869,558	\$ 14,161,177	\$ 13,562,069
College's proportionate share of the FRS net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	70.34%	74.34%	15.46%	83.41%
FRS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the FRS total pension liability	82.38%	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, State college system optional retirement plan members, and members in DROP because total employer contributions are determined on a uniform basis (blended rate) as required by Part III of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes.

**Schedule of College Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**

	<u>2024 (1)</u>	<u>2023 (1)</u>	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>
Contractually required FRS contribution	\$ 1,709,058	\$ 1,495,957	\$ 1,210,525	\$ 238,759
FRS contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(1,709,058)</u>	<u>(1,495,957)</u>	<u>(1,210,525)</u>	<u>(238,759)</u>
FRS contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -	\$ _____ -
College's covered payroll (2)	\$ 18,424,506	\$ 15,315,539	\$ 13,869,558	\$ 14,161,177
FRS contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.28%	9.77%	8.73%	1.69%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, State college system optional retirement plan members, and members in DROP because total employer contributions are determined on a uniform basis (blended rate) as required by Part III of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes.

<u>2019 (1)</u>	<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>	<u>2014 (1)</u>
0.025961409%	0.026828381%	0.027943189%	0.027285022%	0.028816871%	0.028388597%
\$ 8,940,748	\$ 8,080,847	\$ 8,265,408	\$ 6,889,489	\$ 3,722,085	\$ 1,732,122
\$ 13,470,141	\$ 13,769,760	\$ 13,683,155	\$ 13,894,753	\$ 12,865,517	\$ 12,444,911
66.37%	58.69%	60.41%	49.58%	28.93%	13.92%
82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%

<u>2020 (1)</u>	<u>2019 (1)</u>	<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>
\$ 876,718	\$ 801,063	\$ 842,550	\$ 875,574	\$ 617,033	\$ 702,580
<u>(876,718)</u>	<u>(801,063)</u>	<u>(842,550)</u>	<u>(875,574)</u>	<u>(617,033)</u>	<u>(702,580)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 13,562,069	\$ 13,470,141	\$ 13,769,760	\$ 13,683,155	\$ 13,894,753	\$ 12,865,517
6.46%	5.95%	6.12%	6.40%	4.44%	5.46%

**Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability –  
Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**

	<u>2023 (1)</u>	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>	<u>2020 (1)</u>
College's proportion of the HIS net pension liability	0.035540222%	0.034519513%	0.036486688%	0.035178608%
College's proportionate share of the HIS net pension liability	\$ 5,644,261	\$ 3,656,168	\$ 4,475,641	\$ 4,295,251
College's covered payroll (2)	\$ 14,167,044	\$ 12,568,352	\$ 12,923,462	\$ 12,225,592
College's proportionate share of the HIS net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	39.84%	29.09%	34.63%	35.13%
HIS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the HIS total pension liability	4.12%	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, and members in DROP.

**Schedule of College Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**

	<u>2024 (1)</u>	<u>2023 (1)</u>	<u>2022 (1)</u>	<u>2021 (1)</u>
Contractually required HIS contribution	\$ 343,726	\$ 235,173	\$ 208,635	\$ 44,967
HIS contributions in relation to the contractually required HIS contribution	<u>(343,726)</u>	<u>(235,173)</u>	<u>(208,635)</u>	<u>(44,967)</u>
HIS contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
College's covered payroll (2)	\$ 17,186,322	\$ 14,167,044	\$ 12,568,352	\$ 12,923,462
HIS contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	2.00%	1.66%	1.66%	0.35%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

(2) Covered payroll includes defined benefit plan actives, investment plan members, and members in DROP.

<u>2019 (1)</u>	<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>	<u>2014 (1)</u>
0.036276834%	0.037511131%	0.037911615%	0.039627564%	0.036911297%	0.035779918%
\$ 4,059,015	\$ 3,970,220	\$ 4,053,685	\$ 4,618,428	\$ 3,764,372	\$ 3,345,510
\$ 12,136,584	\$ 12,354,694	\$ 12,157,788	\$ 12,237,683	\$ 11,215,377	\$ 10,636,070
33.44%	32.14%	33.34%	37.74%	33.56%	31.45%
2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%

<u>2020 (1)</u>	<u>2019 (1)</u>	<u>2018 (1)</u>	<u>2017 (1)</u>	<u>2016 (1)</u>	<u>2015 (1)</u>
\$ 334,921	\$ 142,430	\$ 228,340	\$ 195,414	\$ 193,414	\$ 141,098
(334,921)	(142,430)	(228,340)	(195,414)	(193,414)	(141,098)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 12,225,592	\$ 12,136,584	\$ 12,354,694	\$ 12,157,788	\$ 12,237,683	\$ 11,215,377
2.74%	1.17%	1.85%	1.61%	1.58%	1.26%

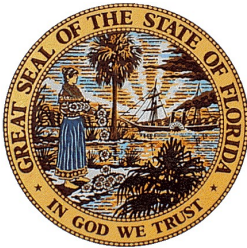
**1. Schedule of Changes in the College's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios**

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

*Changes of Assumptions.* In 2023, the Municipal Bond Index Rate used to determine other postemployment benefit plan liability increased from 3.54 percent to 3.65 percent.

**2. Schedule of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**

*Changes of Assumptions.* In 2023, the municipal rate used to determine total pension liability increased from 3.54 percent to 3.65 percent. In addition, the level of monthly benefits increased from \$5 times years of service to \$7.50 times years of service, with an increased minimum of \$45 and maximum of \$225.



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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 the Lake-Sumter State College, a component unit of the State of Florida, and its discretely presented component unit as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 10, 2025, included under the heading **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the discretely presented component unit, as described in our report on the College's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the College'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College'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 College'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 College's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, 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 College'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 College's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherrill F. Norman". The signature is cursive and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

Sherrill F. Norman, CPA  
Tallahassee, Florida  
February 10, 2025



***PRIOR AUDIT FOLLOW-UP***

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The College had taken corrective action for the finding included in our report No. 2024-133.