



Board of Trustees and Management
Fondulac Public Library District
East Peoria, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Fondulac Public Library District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Material weaknesses

We consider the following deficiencies in the District's internal control to be material weaknesses.

Lack of Segregation of Duties

During our review of the internal controls over the areas related to cash, we noted that the business manager receives cash, makes deposits, records cash activity, and reconciles bank accounts. A lack of segregation of duties increases the risk that errors or misappropriations could occur and would not be detected. Based on discussions with management, they implemented the following compensating controls or procedural changes in a prior year:

- The business manager is not a check signer on the imprest account.
- The director reviews and approves all deposits.
- Board officers sign the monthly bills at board meetings.
- One board officer's signature is required on all checks. This requirement does not include the imprest account.
- In relation to payroll, the director approves all payroll before it is processed and the board treasurer reviews and initials all employee register reports for each payroll.

- The director reviews and approves all bank statements and bank reconciliations.
- The director reviews and approves all manual journal entries.

Given the size of the District, it is difficult to completely segregate all accounting duties. When an adequate segregation of duties does not exist, controls are diminished. These controls typically provide additional assurance that errors or irregularities are found in the normal course of daily activity. When this condition exists, management's close supervision and review of accounting information is the best means of preventing or detecting errors and irregularities.

Preparation of Financial Statements

The board of trustees and management share ultimate responsibility for the District's internal control system. While it is acceptable to outsource various accounting functions, the responsibility for internal control cannot be outsourced. The District engages CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) to assist in preparing its financial statements and accompanying disclosures. However, as independent auditors, CLA cannot be considered part of the District's internal control system.

As part of its internal control over the preparation of its financial statements, including disclosures, the District has implemented a comprehensive review procedure to ensure that the financial statements, including disclosures, are complete and accurate. Such review procedures should be performed by an individual possessing a thorough understanding of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and knowledge of the District's activities and operations. Without the staffing by the District as part of the internal control process over the financial statement preparation process, the risk that errors or omissions will go undetected, leading to inaccurate or incomplete financial reporting, is increased.

In an ideal control setting, the District would have personnel possessing a thorough understanding of applicable generally accepted accounting principles staying abreast of recent accounting developments. The District does not currently have staff which would possess this level of expertise and, under the auditing standards, we are required to inform you. We recommend the District consider providing opportunities for additional training of existing personnel. Attending various seminars or industry special events would increase management's awareness of financial and accounting issues that Illinois library districts face.

Material Audit Adjustments

During the course of our audit, we discovered and requested management to make adjustments that had a material effect on the District's financial statements. These adjustments primarily related to the accrual of receivables and payables and the correction of fund balances. Without the staffing by the District as part of the internal control process over the financial statement preparation process, the risk that errors or omissions will go undetected, leading to inaccurate or incomplete financial reporting, is increased. We recommend that management establish procedures to incorporate review of accruals and other manual journal entries by accounting personnel on a periodic basis.

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