

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

*SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
INVESTMENT COMMISSION*

June 30, 2018



July 8, 2019

Members of the South Carolina Retirement System  
Investment Commission  
State of South Carolina  
Columbia, South Carolina

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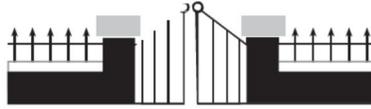
If you have any questions regarding this report, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue F. Moss, CPA  
Director of State Audits

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July 8, 2019

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Director of State Audits  
South Carolina Office of the State Auditor

We have performed the procedures described in Attachment 1, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor ("OSA") and management of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission (the "Commission"), on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The Commission's management is responsible for the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described in Attachment 1 either for the purpose for which the agreed-upon procedures report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Commission. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The concept of materiality does not apply to findings to be reported in an agreed-upon procedures engagement. Therefore, all findings from the application of the agreed-upon procedures must be reported unless the definition of materiality is agreed to by the specified parties. Management of the Commission has agreed that the following deficiencies will not be included in the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Up Upon Procedures:

- Clerical errors of less than \$1,000 related to processing cash receipts and cash disbursements transactions unless the errors occur in ten percent or more of the transaction class inspected.
- Errors in applying account coding definitions to accounting transactions unless it is determined that ten percent or more of the accounting transactions inspected were found to be in error.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor and management of the Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

The Hobbs Group, P.A.  
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Agreed-Upon Procedures Related to the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission (E19)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

**Cash Receipts/Revenues**

1. Compare current year revenues at the subfund and account level from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of the prior year. Obtain and document an understanding of variations over \$50,000 and 10%.

*We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.*

**Cash Disbursements/Non-Payroll Expenditures**

2. Compare current year non-payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain and document an understanding of variations over \$50,000 and 10%.
3. Randomly select twenty-five non-payroll disbursements and inspect supporting documentation to determine:
  - Transaction is properly completed as required by Commission procedures; invoice(s) agree(s) with general ledger as to vendor, amount, number, and date.
  - All supporting documents and approvals required by Commission procedures and good business practice are present and agree with the invoice.
  - The transaction is a bona fide expenditure of the Commission, properly coded to the general ledger.
  - Disbursement complied with applicable State laws, rules, and regulations including the State Consolidated Procurement Code, state travel regulations, etc.
  - Clerical accuracy / confirm proper sales/use tax.
  - Inspect supporting documentation to determine that disbursements are recorded in the proper fiscal year.

*We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.*

**Payroll**

4. Compare current year payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain an understanding of variations greater than or equal to \$50,000 and 10% for the Restricted Fund.
5. Randomly select eight employees and inspect supporting documentation during the fiscal year to:  
  
For Salaried Employees:
  - Obtain and inspect the employee's payroll and/or personnel file for various forms, communications, etc., to confirm that the person is a bona fide employee of the Commission.
  - Agree gross pay to supporting documentation confirming all changes to gross salary for the year. Determine that all changes have been properly approved.

For Hourly Employees:

- Obtain and inspect the employee's payroll and/or personnel file for various forms, communications, etc., to confirm that the person is a bona fide employee of the Commission.
  - Confirm the hourly rate and time sheets are properly approved; recalculate gross pay.
6. Haphazardly select five employees hired during the fiscal year to determine if they were added to the payroll in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and that their first pay check was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
  7. Haphazardly select five employees who terminated employment during the fiscal year to determine if they were removed from the payroll in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures, that the employee's last pay check was properly calculated and that the employee's leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
  8. Compare the percentage change in personal service expenditures between the current year and prior year to the percentage change in employer contributions expenditures between the current year and prior year. Obtain an explanation of changes greater than 10%.

*We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.*

#### **Journal Entries and Transfers**

9. Haphazardly select three journal entries and five transfers for the fiscal year to:
  - Trace postings to the general ledger, confirming amounts agree with supporting documentation.
  - Confirm transaction is properly approved.
  - Inspect supporting documentation to confirm the purpose of the transaction.

*We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.*

#### **Appropriation Act**

10. Inspect the Appropriation Act work program, provided to and completed by management, confirming areas of noncompliance, if any.
11. Confirm compliance with the selected agreed-upon Commission-specific state provisos by inquiring with management and observing supporting documentation, where applicable.

*We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.*

#### **Minutes**

12. Inspect the Commission's approved minutes beginning with the end date of prior year fieldwork through the end of our fieldwork.

*We found no other matters related to our agreed-upon procedures.*