FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020



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Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

This section of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission's (the "Commission") financial report presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Commission's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the Commission's financial statements and notes to the financial statements which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

The Commission's Operating Fund revenues increased \$2,254,527 or 25.35%, attributable primarily to an increase in applications.

Operating Fund expenses increased by \$412,215 or 5.95%, attributable primarily to increases in personnel costs, supplies, equipment, and depreciation expense. This was offset by a decrease in commission, education, and examination expenses. Recovery Fund expenses were \$0 due to no claims being paid in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Net non-operating revenues decreased \$92,579 or 70.99% attributable primarily to a decrease in interest earned on certificates of deposit.

As a result of this year's operations, the Commission's net position increased by \$3,850,205 or 26.39%. The net position of the Commission's Operating Fund increased by \$3,847,217. The net position of the Commission's Recovery Fund increased by \$2,988.

The Commission's Investment in Capital Assets balance (net of accumulated depreciation) was \$5,301,791, an increase of 0.37% from the prior year-end. This increase was attributable to capital asset additions less disposals in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is an introduction to the Commission's basic financial statements which are comprised of two components: 1) financial statements, and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

The Commission's financial statements report activities for its Operating Fund and its Recovery Fund. The Recovery Fund is an Expendable Trust Fund established in 1979 by N.C.G.S. 93A-16. The Commission is responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Recovery Fund. The Recovery Fund and its function is described in detail in the Notes to the Financial Statements and its activities are reported in a separate column in the financial statements.

Basic Financial Statements

The Commission's financial statements report information about the Commission's operations using a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds use the accrual method of accounting for operations. This method of presentation is similar to the private sector industry whereby the intent of the organization is the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The Statement of Net Position (page 6) presents all of the Commission's assets and liabilities and reports the difference between them as net position. Current and non-current portions of assets and liabilities are reported separately. Over time, increases or decreases in the Commission's net position is one indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (page 7) presents information on how the Commission's assets changed as a result of the fiscal year's operations.

The Statement of Cash Flows (page 8) presents information on how the Commission's cash changed as a result of the fiscal year's operations.

The Notes to the Financial Statements (page 9) are an integral part of the financial statements and provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial statements as a whole.

The following presents condensed financial statement information for the Commission for the past three fiscal years:

	2021	2020	2019
Current assets	\$ 16,642,112	\$ 15,116,593	\$ 13,207,771
Non-current assets	7,981,791	5,282,216	5,147,764
Deferred outflows of resources	-	124	247
Total assets	24,623,903	20,398,933	18,355,782
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Current liabilities	5,737,052	5,372,086	5,248,576
Non-current liabilities	386,042	341,252	491,085
Deferred inflows of resources	59,072	94,063	130,086
Total liabilities	6,182,166	5,807,401	5,869,747
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,301,791	5,282,216	4,987,764
Restricted	776,289	773,301	764,668
Unrestricted	12,363,657	8,536,015	6,733,603
Total net position	\$ 18,441,737	\$ 14,591,532	\$ 12,486,035
Operating revenues	\$ 11,150,678	\$ 8,901,176	\$ 8,813,794
Operating expenses	7,338,298	6,926,083	6,919,881
Operating income	3,812,380	1,975,093	1,893,913
Non-operating revenues	37,825	130,404	104,078
Changes in net position	\$ 3,850,205	\$ 2,105,497	\$ 1,997,991

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Events/Conditions (Expected to Impact) Affecting Future Operations

- The Commission's operations may be affected by the ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The ultimate disruption which may be caused by the pandemic is uncertain.
- A guarded economic environment, easily influenced by the stock market and U.S. and world events could disrupt the real estate market at any time and adversely impact revenue.
- The majority of the Commission's investments are positioned well in safer fixed income securities and will be able to perform with less risk in tougher overall markets.
- The number of licensees who move their license status to inactive or who do not complete their postlicensing requirements after initial licensure reduces the number of licensees completing continuing education requirements. This adversely affects continuing education student fee income. Therefore, this income fluctuates with licensees' expectations of success in the real estate market in the current economic environment.
- The total number of licensees has continued to increase every year since fiscal year 2015.
- Significant structural shifts in organized real estate occurring around the nation could impact Commission operations.

Contacting the Commission

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Commission's finances and to demonstrate the Commission's accountability for the money it receives and expends. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the North Carolina Real Estate Commission, Administration Division, P.O. Box 17100, Raleigh, NC 27619-7100.

Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Commission North Carolina Real Estate Commission Raleigh, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission (the "Commission"), an enterprise fund of the State of North Carolina, which comprise the statements of net position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, these financial statements are presented only for the North Carolina Real Estate Commission and do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of the State of North Carolina as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, nor the changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 1 - 3 and the Schedules of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Board Contributions Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System on page 21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Bernard Robinson & Company, S.S.P.

Raleigh, North Carolina October 5, 2021

			2021		2020					
	Operating	F	Recovery Fund		Operating	Recovery				
ACCETE.	Fund	Fund		Total	Fund	Fund	Total			
ASSETS: Current assets:										
Cash	\$ 5,356,897	\$	124,750	\$ 5,481,647	\$ 6,261,298	\$ 122,275	\$ 6,383,573			
Investments, current portion	10,079,840	Ψ	651,509	10,731,349	7,756,380	650,730	8,407,110			
Inventory	88,065		-	88,065	76,180	-	76,180			
Accrued interest	5,356		30	5,386	34,760	296	35,056			
Accounts receivable	87,600		-	87,600	81,955	-	81,955			
Prepaid expenses	248,065		_	248,065	132,719	_	132,719			
Total current assets	15,865,823		776,289	16,642,112	14,343,292	773,301	15,116,593			
Non-current assets:										
Investments, less current portion	2,680,000			2,680,000						
Capital assets, net of depreciation	5,301,791		-	5,301,791	5,282,216	-	5,282,216			
Total non-current assets	7,981,791			7,981,791	5,282,216		5,282,216			
Total non-editent assets										
Total assets	23,847,614		776,289	24,623,903	19,625,508	773,301	20,398,809			
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:										
Pension and other postemployment benefit deferred outflows			-		124		124			
Total deferred outflows of resources			-		124		124			
LIABILITIES:										
Current liabilities:										
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	147,352		-	147,352	186,116	-	186,116			
Unearned revenues	5,556,115		-	5,556,115	5,154,350	-	5,154,350			
Accrued leave - current portion	33,585		-	33,585	31,620	-	31,620			
Total current liabilities	5,737,052		-	5,737,052	5,372,086	-	5,372,086			
Non-current liabilities:										
Accrued leave - long-term portion	386,042		-	386,042	341,252	_	341,252			
Total non-current liabilities	386,042			386,042	341,252		341,252			
Total liabilities	6,123,094		-	6,123,094	5,713,338	-	5,713,338			
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	<u> </u>									
Pension and other postemployment benefit deferred inflows	59,072			59,072	94,063		94,063			
NET POSITION:										
Invested in capital assets	5,301,791		_	5,301,791	5,282,216	_	5,282,216			
Restricted	-		776,289	776,289	J,202,210 -	773,301	773,301			
Unrestricted	12,363,657		-	12,363,657	8,536,015	-	8,536,015			
Total net position	\$ 17,665,448	•	776,289	\$ 18,441,737	\$ 13,818,231	\$ 773,301	\$ 14,591,532			
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NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

			2021		2020						
	Operating				Operating	F	Recovery				
	Fund		Fund	Total	Fund		Fund	Total			
Operating revenues: License renewals	o = 10= 7/2	Φ		0 5 105 7(2	¢ 4.076.075	¢.		¢ 4076075			
	\$ 5,185,763	\$	-	\$ 5,185,763 3,617,190	\$ 4,976,975 1,767,050	\$	-	\$ 4,976,975 1,767,050			
Application fees Publication fees	3,617,190 168,056		-	3,017,190 168,056			-	346,563			
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Course registration fees Continuing education course student fees	281,358 1,815,620		-	281,358 1,815,620	251,340 1,488,460		-	251,340 1,488,460			
Certification fees	38,970		-	38,970	30,380		-	30,380			
Miscellaneous	41,246		- 2 475	43,721	32,908		7,500	40,408			
Total operating revenues	11,148,203		2,475 2,475	11,150,678	8,893,676		7,500	8,901,176			
	11,140,203		2,473	11,130,078	6,893,070		7,300	8,901,170			
Operating expenses:											
Personnel	5,480,528		-	5,480,528	5,166,112		-	5,166,112			
Commission	40,852		-	40,852	99,596		-	99,596			
Building	209,309		-	209,309	189,539		-	189,539			
Supplies and equipment	834,746		-	834,746	740,321	-		740,321			
Education and examination	3,738		-	3,738	58,467	-		58,467			
Professional services	50,665		-	50,665	24,397		-	24,397			
Mail services	10,849		-	10,849	11,468		-	11,468			
Credit card charges	232,195		-	232,195	200,441		-	200,441			
Depreciation	422,672		-	422,672	375,842		-	375,842			
Interest	-		-	-	1,336	-		1,336			
Miscellaneous	52,744		-	52,744	58,564			58,564			
Total operating expenses	7,338,298		-	7,338,298	6,926,083			6,926,083			
Operating income	3,809,905		2,475	3,812,380	1,967,593		7,500	1,975,093			
Non-operating revenues (expenses):											
Net investment income	37,361		513	37,874	130,502		1,133	131,635			
Loss on disposal of equipment	(49)		-	(49)	(1,231)		-	(1,231)			
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	37,312		513	37,825	129,271		1,133	130,404			
Changes in net position	3,847,217		2,988	3,850,205	2,096,864		8,633	2,105,497			
Net position - beginning of year	13,818,231		773,301	14,591,532	11,721,367		764,668	12,486,035			
Net position - end of year	\$ 17,665,448	\$	776,289	\$ 18,441,737	\$ 13,818,231	\$	773,301	\$ 14,591,532			

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

		2021								
	Operating	Recovery		Operating						
	Fund	Fund	Total	Fund	Fund	Total				
Cash flows from operating activities:										
Cash received from fees	\$ 11,544,323	\$ -	\$ 11,544,323	\$ 9,108,839	\$ -	\$ 9,108,839				
Cash payments to employees for services	(5,468,640)	-	(5,468,640)	(5,188,996)	-	(5,188,996)				
Cash payments for operating expenses	(535,100)	-	(535,100)	(549,476)	-	(549,476)				
Cash payments to suppliers of goods & services	(1,077,068)	-	(1,077,068)	(917,299)	<u>-</u>	(917,299)				
Cash payments for Recovery Fund expenses		2,475	2,475		7,500	7,500				
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,463,515	2,475	4,465,990	2,453,068	7,500	2,460,568				
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:										
Repayment of line of credit	-	-	-	(160,000)	-	(160,000)				
Acquisition of capital assets	(442,296)	-	(442,296)	(511,526)	-	(511,526)				
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(442,296)	-	(442,296)	(671,526)		(671,526)				
Cash flows from investing activities:										
Purchases of investments	(14,569,226)	(651,509)	(15,220,735)	(10,571,128)	(650,730)	(11,221,858)				
Sales of investments	9,576,841	650,730	10,227,571	10,842,659	652,398	11,495,057				
Net investment income	66,765	779	67,544	133,796	2,684	136,480				
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(4,925,620)		(4,925,620)	405,327	4,352	409,679				
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(904,401)	2,475	(901,926)	2,186,869	11,852	2,198,721				
Cash - beginning of year	6,261,298	122,275	6,383,573	4,074,429	110,423	4,184,852				
Cash - end of year	\$ 5,356,897	\$ 124,750	\$ 5,481,647	\$ 6,261,298	\$ 122,275	\$ 6,383,573				
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Reconciliation of operating income to net cash										
provided by operating activities:	Ø 2000 005	0 2.455	0 2 012 200	Ф. 1.0 <i>СТ.</i> 502	Φ 7.500	A 1 075 002				
Operating income	\$ 3,809,905	\$ 2,475	\$ 3,812,380	\$ 1,967,593	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,975,093				
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net										
cash provided by operating activities:	422 (72		422 (72	275 942		275 942				
Depreciation Change in a section of the little section.	422,672	-	422,672	375,842	-	375,842				
Changes in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable	(5 (45)		(E (AE)	(29.257)		(29.257)				
	(5,645) (11,885)	-	(5,645) (11,885)	(28,357) (4,856)	-	(28,357) (4,856)				
Inventory		-	* * *	* * * *	-	* ' '				
Prepaid expenses	(115,346)	-	(115,346)	56,144	-	56,144				
Deferred outflows of resources	124	-	124	123	-	123				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Unearned revenues	(49,839)	-	(49,839)	(133,934)	-	(133,934)				
Accrued leave	401,765 46,755	-	401,765 46,755	243,520 13,016	-	243,520 13,016				
Deferred inflows of resources		-			-					
Total adjustments	(34,991) 653,610		(34,991) 653,610	(36,023) 485,475		(36,023) 485,475				
•			-							
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 4,463,515	\$ 2,475	\$ 4,465,990	\$ 2,453,068	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,460,568				
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:										
Property and equipment acquired by an increase in accounts payable	\$ 11,075	\$ -	\$ 11,075	\$ 11,075	\$ -	\$ 11,075				
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The North Carolina Real Estate Commission (the "Commission") is an independent State agency. It is an occupational licensing board and is authorized by Chapter 93A of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS). The Commission is composed of nine members who are appointed by the Governor and the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

The Commission is established to maintain minimum standards for real estate brokerage services provided for transactions involving real property through the examination and licensure of all who engage in real estate brokerage.

The Commission's operations are financed with self-generated revenues from fees charged to examinees and licensees.

On July 1, 1957, upon the creation of the Commission pursuant to Article I, Section 93A of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, the Commission began operations through its Operating Fund.

On September 1, 1979, the Commission transferred \$100,000 from its Operating Fund to establish the Real Estate Recovery Fund, a special fund as mandated by Article 2, Section 93A-16 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina. On June 23, 2011, the fund was expanded to the Real Estate Education and Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund). The North Carolina Real Estate Commission is responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Recovery Fund pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 93A-16. Effective June 30, 1987, the Commission may transfer to the Recovery Fund additional sums of money from whatever funds the Commission may have. In addition, if on December 31 of any year the amount remaining in the Recovery Fund is less than \$50,000, the Commission may determine that each person or entity licensed under this Chapter, when renewing his/her or its license, shall pay in addition to the license renewal fee, a fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per broker as shall be determined by the Commission for the purpose of replenishing the Fund. Further, the Recovery Fund shall not be used for educational purposes if an educational expenditure would cause the fund balance to drop below \$200,000. The Commission also monitors the Recovery Fund to satisfy judgments by aggrieved persons who have suffered a direct monetary loss by reason of certain acts committed by any person licensed under General Statute Chapter 93A. Payments from the Recovery Fund cannot exceed \$25,000 for any one licensee within a single calendar year, or \$75,000 in the aggregate for any one licensee.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB").

All activities of the Commission are accounted for within a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Board is a nonmajor enterprise fund of the primary government of the State of North Carolina and may be reported as such in the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR). These financial statements for the Board are separate and apart from those of the State of North Carolina and do not present the financial position of the State nor changes in the State's financial position and cash flows.

Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the Commission are prepared using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability has been incurred, regardless of the timing of the cash flows. The Commission classifies its revenue and expenses as operating and non-operating in the accompanying Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Operating revenues include activities that have characteristics of exchange transactions and consist primarily of examination and license fees. Non-operating revenues and expenses include activities that have characteristics of non-exchange transactions and consist primarily of investing type activities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

This classification includes cash on deposit and money market accounts with financial institutions. For purposes of reporting the statements of cash flows, the Commission considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less as cash equivalents. Cash held in money market accounts awaiting re-investment are not deemed cash equivalents for purposes of reporting the statements of cash flows.

Investments

Investments consist of money market funds and certificates of deposit. The certificates of deposit are recorded at cost plus accrued interest to date.

Inventory

Inventory consists of real estate manuals and publications and is recorded at cost.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists primarily of amounts due from publication sales. All amounts are believed to be collectible and an allowance for doubtful accounts is not deemed necessary.

Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets to be held and used are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amount may not be recoverable. When required, impairment losses on assets to be held and used are recognized based on the excess of the asset's carrying amount over the fair value of the asset. Long-lived assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of carrying amount or fair value, less cost to sell.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Long-Lived Assets (Continued)

Capital assets are stated at cost at the date of acquisition and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives ranging from 5 years to 40 years on a straight-line basis. The Commission's policy is to capitalize property and equipment when acquired at a cost of \$1,000 or more. When an asset is disposed of, the cost of the asset and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the financial records. Any gain or loss on disposition is reflected as a non-operating activity.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element called deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense until then. The Commission has the following items that meet the criterion for this category - deferrals of pension and other postemployment benefit assets, and contributions to pension plan, that resulted from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75. In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Commission has the following item that meets the criterion for this category - deferrals of pension expense and other postemployment benefit expense that resulted from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75.

Unearned Revenue

The Commission's fees which are collected in advance are recorded as unearned revenue at year-end and recognized as revenue when the license period begins in the next fiscal year.

Accrued Leave

Commission employees may accumulate up to 240 hours of general leave that can be paid out at termination or retirement.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions, resulting in adjustments in future periods.

Net Position

The Commission's net position is classified as follows:

Invested in Capital Assets - This represents the Commission's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Position (Continued)

Restricted - This component of net position consists of net assets which the Commission is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

Unrestricted - Assets with no external restriction as to use or purpose. Unrestricted net assets can be employed for any purpose designated by the governing board, as distinguished from funds restricted externally for specific purposes. The Commission has designated \$250,000 and \$250,000 of the unrestricted net assets to cover building improvements and future furniture and equipment costs, respectively. The Commission may change such reserved amounts based on perceived operating conditions and situations.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Effective February 2021, the Commission revised its Investment Policy to more specifically address where and how the Commission invests its funds. Among other things, the policy includes target goals for the deposit of funds in NC pooling institutions, non-NC pooling institutions, and minority owned depository institutions; laddering of terms for future availability; and protection of the funds through collateralization, FDIC insurance and other lawful means.

Cash and Certificates of Deposit:

The Commission's deposits include cash on deposit with financial institutions, money market accounts and certificates of deposit.

The Commission is Subject to the Following Risks:

Custodial credit risk: Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Commission will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2021, the Commission's Operating Fund deposits had a carrying amount of \$18,116,737 and bank balances of \$17,953,338. Of the bank balances, \$8,736,725 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the National Credit Union Administration (NUCA), and \$9,216,613 was uninsured in certain financial institutions that had pledged collateral to protect the uninsured balances. The Operating Fund had \$0 in financial institutions that was uninsured and uncollateralized. At June 30, 2021, the Commission's Recovery Fund deposits had a carrying amount and bank balance of \$776,259. Of the bank balance, \$776,259 was covered by the FDIC and \$0 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Interest rate risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that the Commission may face should interest rate variances affect the fair value of investments. The Commission manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its certificates of deposit.

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Commission manages credit risk by diversifying its investment portfolio. Investments are limited to time deposits, certificates of deposit, and savings accounts in financial institutions.

The following table presents the cost plus accrued interest value of investments by type and investments subject to interest rate and credit risk at June 30, 2021, for the Commission's investments.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Commission is Subject to the Following Risks (Continued):

		Properties of Debt Securi				
	Cost Plus	Weighted	_			
	Accrued	Average				
Investment Type	Interest	Maturities	Ratings			
Other securities:						
Certificates of deposit	\$ 9,317,204	8 months	N/A			

Certificates of deposit reported as investments are also a component of the deposit totals reported in the deposits section of this note.

A reconciliation of deposits and investments for the Commission to the basic financial statements at June 30, 2021, is as follows:

Carrying amount of deposits with private financial institutions	\$ 1,504,982
Money market mutual funds	8,070,810
Investments in certificates of deposit	9,317,204
Total deposits and investments	\$18,892,996
Current:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,481,647
Short-term investments	10,731,349
Noncurrent:	
Investments	2,680,000
Total deposits and investments	\$18,892,996

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are comprised of the following:

	Cost					Cost	Accumulated	Net
	7/1/2020	Addition	IS	Re	tirements	6/30/2021	Depreciated	Amount
Building/Land Building	\$4,312,250	\$ -		\$	-	\$ 4,312,250	\$ 1,078,932	\$ 3,233,318
Improvements Furniture/	797,540	245,68	33		-	1,043,223	228,510	814,713
Equipment	2,596,903	196,63	3		(2,913)	2,790,603	1,536,843	1,253,760
Totals	\$7,706,693	\$ 442,29	6	\$ (2,913)		\$ 8,146,076	\$ 2,844,285	\$ 5,301,791
	Cost 7/1/2019	Addition	ıs	Re	tirements	Cost 6/30/2020	Accumulated Depreciated	Net Amount
Building/Land Building	\$4,312,250	\$ -		\$	-	\$ 4,312,250	\$ 986,075	\$ 3,326,175
Improvements Furniture/	636,627	160,91	3		-	797,540	173,252	624,288
Equipment	2,327,554	350,61	3		(81,264)	2,596,903	1,265,150	1,331,753
Totals	\$ 7,276,431	\$ 511,52	26	\$	(81,264)	\$ 7,706,693	\$ 2,424,477	\$ 5,282,216

NOTE 4 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Line of Credit:

The Commission has a line of credit agreement up to a maximum of \$500,000, with interest payable monthly at a floating rate of 1-month LIBOR. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Commission made no draws on the line of credit. As of June 30, 2021, the line of credit had a balance of \$0. As described in Note 8, on July 29, 2021, the Commission renewed the line of credit agreement with a maturity date of February 8, 2023.

Under GASB Statement No. 88, the line of credit (LOC) is considered debt under direct borrowings. Significant information in relation to this debt includes that the \$500,000 LOC does not require an encumbrance of real property, and is unsecured with no guarantors on the loan. The loan is for interest only, payable monthly, on the outstanding principal balance; all remaining principal and any remaining interest due is payable at maturity. During the term, the Commission may borrow, repay, and re-borrow principal under this LOC. In the event of default, the agreement will immediately terminate and all indebtedness will become due and payable at the lender's option. Accelerations shall be automatic and not optional if the event of default is due to insolvency.

Changes in non-current liabilities are as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2020				ecreases	-	Balance /30/2021	Current Portion		
Accrued leave Line of credit	# 27 2 ,872 #		293,732	\$	246,977	\$	419,627	\$	33,585	
	\$ 372,872	\$	\$ 293,732		246,977	\$	419,627	\$	33,585	
	Balance 6/30/2019	<u>I</u> 1	ncreases		ecreases	-	Balance /30/2020		Current Portion	
Accrued leave Line of credit	\$ 359,856 160,000	\$	340,912	\$	327,896 160,000	\$	372,872	\$	31,620	
	\$ 519,856	\$	340,912	\$	487,896	\$	372,872	\$	31,620	

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLANS

North Carolina Licensing Boards Retirement Savings Plan

The North Carolina Licensing Boards Retirement Savings Plan (Plan) is a multiple employer, cost-sharing defined contribution plan. The Plan was established to provide retirement benefits for employees of state boards or agencies who did not elect by resolution to cause their employees to be eligible to become members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and for employees hired after July 1, 1983, by an electing board or agency. The Employer, defined as the eight participating license boards, is empowered to appoint and remove the Trustee. Participating employees must contribute 6% of their gross pay and the Commission matches those contributions 100%. Employee's contributions are immediately 100% vested; the Commission's contributions are 100% vested after 5 years of credited service.

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

North Carolina Licensing Boards Retirement Savings Plan (Continued)

The Commission's payroll for employees covered by the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$3,927,746; the Commission's total payroll was \$3,936,701. The Commission's payroll for employees covered by the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$3,648,955; the Commission's total payroll was \$3,671,585.

The total contribution for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$525,276, which consisted of \$204,858 (net of forfeitures) from the Commission and \$320,418 from employees. The total contribution for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$556,157, which consisted of \$219,299 (net of forfeitures) from the Commission and \$336,858 from employees.

Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System

The State of North Carolina administers the TSERS plan. This plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit plan established by the State to provide pension benefits for general employees and law enforcement officers (LEOs) of the State, general employees and LEOs of its component units, and employees of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and charter schools not in the reporting entity. Membership is comprised of employees of the State (state agencies and institutions), universities, community colleges, and certain proprietary component units along with the LEAs and charter schools. Benefit provisions are established by General Statute 135-5 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly.

The Commission employees that participated in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement (TSERS) plan were all retired as of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Commission recognized pension expense of (\$5,455). As of June 30, 2021, the Commission reported a liability of \$0 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. At June 30, 2021, the Commission reported \$0 in deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

Internal Revenue Code 401(k) Plan

Effective January 1, 1985, Chapter 135, Article 5 of the North Carolina General Statutes authorized creation of the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan of North Carolina in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k). All employees who are members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System of North Carolina are eligible for enrollment in this plan. Members of this plan may receive their benefits upon retirement, disability, termination, hardship, or death. Administration costs are paid by plan participants. Voluntary contributions by employees was \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Internal Revenue Code 457(k) Plan

In March 2010, the Commission began participation in the North Carolina Deferred Compensation Plan (457). All full time and permanent part time employees are eligible for participation in the plan. Voluntary contributions by employees were \$34,780 and \$35,878 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NOTE 6 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

The Commission participates in two Other Postemployment Benefit ("OPEB") plans administered by the State of North Carolina: the Retiree Health Benefit Fund ("RHBF") and the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina ("DIPNC"). Each plan's financial information, including all information about the plan's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fiduciary net position, is included in the State of North Carolina's fiscal year 2020 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Internet home page http://www.osc.nc.gov/ and clicking on "Reports" or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

The Commission employees that participated in the RHBF and the DIPNC plans were retired as of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Other Postemployment Benefit Plans Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Retiree Health Benefit Fund and the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, the State Treasurer is the custodian and administrator of the OPEB funds. The State Treasurer maintains various investment portfolios in its External Investment Pool. The RHBF participates in the External Investment Pool. The DIPNC are invested in the Short-term Investment Portfolio of the External Investment Pool and the Bond Index External Investment Pool.

Plan Descriptions:

Retirement Health Benefit Fund (RHBF)

Plan Administration

The State of North Carolina administers the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, referred to as the State Health Plan (the Plan), a healthcare plan exclusively for the benefit of employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, community colleges, and certain other component units. In addition, Local Education Agencies (LEAs), charter schools, and some select local governments also participate. Management of the Plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees.

The RHBF has been established as a fund to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. RHBF is established by General Statute 135-7, Article 1. RHBF is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan, exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, and community colleges. In addition, Local Education Agencies (LEAs), charter schools and some select local governments also participate.

By statute, RHBF is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the State Health Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the State Health Plan.

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NOTE 6 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (Continued)

Benefits Provided

Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. Those former employees who are eligible to receive medical benefits from RHBF are long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) and retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), with five or more years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement, with the following exceptions: for employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006, future coverage as retired employees is subject to the requirement that the future retiree have 20 or more years of retirement service credit in order to receive coverage on a noncontributory basis. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 with 10 but less than 20 years of retirement service credit are eligible for coverage on a partially contributory basis. For such future retirees, the State will pay 50% of the State Health Plan's total noncontributory premium.

RHBF's benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135-7, Article 1, and Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. RHBF does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Contributions

By General Statute, accumulated contributions from employers to RHBF and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. By statute, contributions to the RHBF are irrevocable. Also by law, RHBF assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to RHBF.

However, RHBF assets may be used for reasonable expenses to administer RHBF, including costs to conduct required actuarial valuations of state-supported retired employees' health benefits. Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis, are determined by the General Assembly in the Appropriations Bill.

The Commission's contractually-required contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was 0% of covered payroll. The Commission's contributions to the RHBF were \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Disability Income (DIPNC)

Plan Administration

Short-term and long-term disability benefits are provided through the DIPNC, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to the eligible members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System which includes employees of the State, the University of North Carolina system, community colleges, certain participating component units and Local Education Agencies (LEAs), and the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program.

By statute, the DIPNC is administered by the Department of State Treasurer and the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 6 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (Continued)

Benefits Provided

Long-term disability benefits are payable as an other postemployment benefit from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, for as long as an employee is disabled. An employee is eligible to receive long-term disability benefits provided the following requirements are met: (1) the employee has five or more years of contributing membership service in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), earned within 96 months prior to the end of the short-term disability period or cessation of salary continuation payments, whichever is later; (2) the employee must make application to receive long-term benefits within 180 days after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease or after monthly payments for Workers' Compensation cease (excluding monthly payments for permanent partial benefits), whichever is later; (3) the employee must be certified by the Medical Board to be mentally or physically disabled for the further performance of his/her usual occupation; (4) the disability must have been continuous, likely to be permanent, and incurred at the time of active employment; (5) the employee must not be eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from the TSERS; and (6) the employee must terminate employment as a permanent, full-time employee.

An employee is eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from the TSERS after (1) reaching the age of 65 and completing five years of membership service, or (2) reaching the age of 60 and completing 25 years of creditable service, or (3) completing 30 years of creditable service, at any age. For employees who had five or more years of membership service as of July 31, 2007, during the first 36 months of the long-term disability period, the monthly long-term disability benefit is equal to 65% of one-twelfth of an employee's annual base rate of compensation last payable to the participant or beneficiary prior to the beginning of the short-term disability period, plus the like percentage of one-twelfth of the annual longevity payment and local supplements to which the participant or beneficiary would be eligible. The monthly benefits are subject to a maximum of \$3,900 per month reduced by any primary Social Security disability benefits and by monthly payments for Workers' Compensation to which the participant or beneficiary may be entitled, but the benefits payable shall be no less than \$10 a month. After the first 36 months of the long-term disability, the long-term benefit is calculated in the same manner as described above except the monthly benefit is reduced by an amount equal to a monthly primary Social Security disability benefit to which the participant or beneficiary might be entitled had Social Security disability benefits been awarded. When an employee qualifies for an unreduced service retirement allowance from the TSERS, the benefits payable from DIPNC will cease, and the employee will commence retirement under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

For employees who had less than five years of membership service as of July 31, 2007, and meet the requirements for long-term disability on or after August 1, 2007, during the first 36 months of the long-term disability period, the monthly long-term benefit shall be reduced by an amount equal to the monthly primary Social Security retirement benefit to which the employee might be entitled should the employee become age 62 during the first 36 months. This reduction becomes effective as of the first day of the month following the month of initial entitlement to Social Security benefits. After the first 36 months of the long-term disability, no further benefits are payable under the terms of this section unless the employee has been approved and is in receipt of primary Social Security disability benefits.

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NOTE 6 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)

Contributions

Although the DIPNC operates on a calendar year, disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established in the Appropriations Bill by the General Assembly and coincide with the state fiscal year. The Commission's contractually-required contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was 0% of covered payroll. This was equal to the actuarially required contribution.

Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Asset

Net OPEB Liability: At June 30, 2021, the Commission reported a liability for the RHBF of \$0 for its proportionate share of the collective net RHBF liability. The net RHBF liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total RHBF liability used to calculate the net RHBF liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, and update procedures were used to roll forward the total RHBF liability to June 30, 2019. The Commission's proportion of the net RHBF liability was based on the present value of future salaries for the Commission relative to the present value of future salaries for all participating employers, actuarially-determined.

Net OPEB Asset: At June 30, 2021, the Commission reported an asset for the DIPNC of \$0 for its proportionate share of the collective net DIPNC asset. The net DIPNC asset was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total DIPNC asset used to calculate the net DIPNC asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, and update procedures were used to roll forward the total DIPNC asset to June 30, 2019. The Commission's proportion of the net DIPNC asset was based on the present value of future salaries for the Commission relative to the present value of future salaries for all participating employers, actuarially-determined.

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities and Assets

During the year ended June 30, 2021, there was no change in the Commission's net OPEB liability or the Commission's net OPEB asset. The Commission reported a net OPEB liability of \$0 and a net OPEB asset of \$0 as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Board recognized other postemployment benefits expense of \$(29,412). At June 30, 2021, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources related to RHBF and DIPNC of \$0. At June 30, 2021, the Board reported deferred inflows of resources related to RHBF of \$59,072 from differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions. At June 30, 2021, the Board reported deferred inflows of resources related to DIPNC of \$0.

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 6 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to RHBF will be recognized in other postemployment benefit expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:	_	RHBF
2022	_	\$ (29,536)
2023	_	(29,536)
	_	\$ (59,072)

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONTINGENCIES

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and the destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Tort claims of Commission members are self-insured by the State under the authority of the State Tort Claims Act. Additional coverage is provided to the Commission under the State's public officers' and employees' liability insurance contract with a private insurance company. The Commission also protects itself from exposures to loss through the purchase of commercial insurance, of which coverage includes building and contents, commercial liability, workers' compensation and employers' liability.

The Commission is involved in disciplinary hearings throughout the year which arise in the ordinary course of its operations. In the opinion of management, the results of such actions during the years under audit do not materially affect the financial position of the Commission at year-end.

NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Management of the Commission evaluated subsequent events through October 5, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management discovered no other subsequent events which should be disclosed other than noted below.

The line of credit described in Note 4 was subsequently renewed on July 29, 2021, with a maturity date of February 8, 2023.

The Commission's operations may be affected by the ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The ultimate disruption which may be caused by the outbreak is uncertain; however it may result in a material adverse impact on the Commission's financial position, operations and cash flows.

The audit was conducted in approximately 130 hours at a cost of \$19,250.

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Board Contributions

Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

		2021	1 20		2020 2019		2018		2017		2016			2015
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0	00000%	0.00000%		0.00000%		0.00000%		0.05200%		0.00087%		0	.00120%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	47,793	\$	32,061	\$	14,069
Covered-employee payroll	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	62,860	\$	191,605	\$	275,526
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		76.03%		16.73%		5.11%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	85.98%		87.56%		87.61%		89.51%		87.32%		94.64%		98.24%	
Contributions														
Contractually required contribution	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	13,905	\$	40,850	\$	58,440
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution						<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		13,905		40,850		58,440
Contributions deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	_	\$	
Covered-employee payroll	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	62,860	\$	191,605	\$	434,273
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		22.12%		21.32%		20.69%

^{*}Information for periods prior to the implementation of GASB 68 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going forward as information becomes available.