

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

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## VERNON COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONAL DATA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

## **Board of Trustees**

|   | <u>Officers</u>                        | Term Expires   |
|---|--|--|
| Mr. Bob Ferguson<br>Mrs. Ann Wilson<br>Mrs. Betsy Smith                     | Chairman<br>Vice-Chairman<br>Secretary | May 1, 2030<br>May 1, 2030<br>May 1, 2026                |
|   | <u>Members</u>                         |  |
| Mr. Daryl Wolf<br>Mr. James Brock<br>Mrs. Jamie Chapman<br>Mrs. Meg Heatley |  | May 1, 2030<br>May 1, 2026<br>May 1, 2028<br>May 1, 2028 |

## **Executive Administration**

Dr. Dusty R. Johnston – President

Mrs. Mindi Flynn – Vice President of Administrative Services

Mrs. Shana Drury – Vice President of Instructional Services

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December 10, 2024

To the Board of Trustees Vernon College Vernon, Texas

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Vernon College (the "College"), as of and for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, 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, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of the College as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audits 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* (*Government Auditing Standards*), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 audits. 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 these 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 twelve 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 on pages 5-10, Schedule of College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of College's Contributions for Pensions, Schedule of College's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability and Schedule of College's Contributions for OPEB on pages 52-55 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, which 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.

#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements. The supporting schedules (Schedules A-F), including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supporting schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory (organizational data) and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements or whether the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 10, 2024, on our consideration of the College's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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.

Certified Public Accountants

Condley and Company, L.L.P.

Management's Discussion and Analysis Required Supplementary Information

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

This section of Vernon College's annual financial report presents a discussion and analysis of the College's financial performance during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the College's basic financial statements and notes, which follow this section. Responsibility for the completeness and fairness of the information in this section rests with the College's management.

## **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial statement presentation is mandated by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34. For financial statement purposes, the College is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the financial statements of the College are presented using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized as obligations are incurred. Discussion of the College's basic financial statement follows.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on the College's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between these reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the College's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

|  | 2024       | <br>2023         |    | 2022       |
|--|------------|------------------|----|------------|
| Current Assets                               |            |                  |    |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 11,458,900 | \$<br>11,721,374 | \$ | 11,843,165 |
| Accounts receivable – net                    | 749,570    | 402,600          |    | 1,295,017  |
| Lease receivable                             | 14,258     | 14,258           |    | 14,257     |
| Inventories                                  | 12,379     | 15,657           |    | 18,260     |
| Other assets and prepaid expenses            | 661,671    | <br>184,377      | _  | 438,714    |
| Total Current Assets                         | 12,896,778 | <br>12,338,266   |    | 13,609,413 |
|  |            |                  |    |            |
| Noncurrent Assets                            | 4 000 054  | 02.000           |    | 126.070    |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents         | 1,062,351  | 83,800           |    | 136,979    |
| Endowment investments                        | 105,227    | 119,488          |    | 133,743    |
| Capital assets – net                         | 20,802,988 | <br>21,445,478   | _  | 22,350,111 |
| Total Noncurrent Assets                      | 21,970,566 | 21,648,766       | _  | 22,620,833 |
| Total Assets                                 | 34,867,344 | <br>33,987,032   | _  | 36,230,246 |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources               | 4,704,941  | 6,917,847        |    | 6,576,508  |
| Current Liabilities                          |            |                  |    |            |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities     | 91,040     | 423,860          |    | 386,890    |
| Accrued expenses                             | 406,925    | 389,056          |    | 391,355    |
| Deposits                                     | 20,122     | 15,822           |    | 30,722     |
| Unearned revenues                            | 1,383,378  | 1,006,190        |    | 2,499,220  |
| Lease and subscription liabilities - current | 619,565    | 636,930          |    | 579,079    |
| Capital lease and bonds payable - current    | 715,000    | 700,000          |    | 680,000    |
| Total Current Liabilities                    | 3,236,030  | <br>3,171,858    |    | 4,567,266  |

|                                      |    | 2024         |     | 2023         |     | 2022         |
|--------------------------------------|----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|
| Noncurrent Liabilities               |    | _            | _   |              | _   |              |
| Net Pension Obligation               |    | 12,707,942   |     | 14,455,406   |     | 18,989,480   |
| Net OPEB Obligation                  |    | 6,165,217    |     | 5,730,822    |     | 2,485,807    |
| Lease and subscription liabilities - |    |              |     |              |     |              |
| noncurrent                           |    | 1,918,443    |     | 2,355,227    |     | 2,730,816    |
| Bonds payable - noncurrent           |    | 3,803,091    |     | 4,520,273    |     | 5,222,455    |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities         | _  | 24,594,693   |     | 27,061,728   | _   | 29,428,558   |
| Total Liabilities                    | _  | 27,830,723   |     | 30,233,586   | _   | 33,995,824   |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources        | _  | 8,145,459    |     | 8,827,596    | _   | 6,782,591    |
| Net Position                         |    |              |     |              |     |              |
| Net investment in capital assets     |    | 13,746,889   |     | 13,233,048   |     | 13,137,761   |
| Restricted for student aid           |    | 1,352,707    |     | 1,320,221    |     | 1,291,868    |
| Unrestricted                         | _  | (11,503,493) | _   | (12,709,572) | _   | (12,401,290) |
| Net Position                         | \$ | 3,596,103    | \$_ | 1,843,697    | \$_ | 2,028,339    |

Current assets increased by \$558,512 from 2023 to 2024. Cash and equivalents fell ever so slightly.

Capital assets, net of depreciation, have been gradually decreasing since 2014 because of lower capital spending and an increase in depreciation expense attributed to significant capital investments made during 2012. We had a modest decrease of less than 3% from 2023 to 2024.

Due to the implementation of GASB 68 related to recognition of the College's proportionate share of the TRS pension liability, and GASB 75 related to recognition of the College's proportionate share of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) the College recorded deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to actuarial assumptions and contributions made.

Current liabilities increased \$64,172 from 2023 to 2024, primarily caused by an increase in unearned revenues at year end.

Prior to 2018, noncurrent liabilities had shown a steady decrease due to scheduled payments on capital leases and bonds. In 2018, the College recorded \$11,926,024 of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) due to the adoption of GASB 75. In 2024, noncurrent liabilities saw a decrease of \$2,467,035 because of changes to the GASB 68 and GASB 75 assumptions less reduction in bond debt.

The net position section of this report has three components, net investment in capital assets, restricted (nonexpendable or expendable), and unrestricted. Net position restricted for student aid has stabilized after several years of declines related to endowed scholarship funds being transferred to the Vernon College Foundation at donors' requests to try to increase earnings.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position is a statement of activities. Revenues are presented as operating (program) revenue and non-operating (general) revenue. Expenses are reported by function. Functional expenses are defined as the "direct" expense specifically associated with a function and would not include allocations of indirect expenses. The functional categories for expenses are instruction, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance of plant, scholarships and fellowships, auxiliary enterprises, and depreciation expense.

|  | _   | 2024               | _  | 2023                 | 2022               |
|--|-----|--------------------|----|----------------------|--------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES                    |     |                    |    |                      |                    |
| Revenues:  |     |                    |    |                      |                    |
| Tuition and fees (net of discounts)                | \$  | •                  | \$ | 688,356              | \$<br>383,880      |
| Federal grants and contracts                       |     | 315,611            |    | 1,054,880            | 6,118,587          |
| State grants and contracts                         |     | 573,157            |    | 428,086              | 692,937            |
| Nongovernmental grants and contracts               |     | 1,203,356          |    | 1,773,528            | 1,210,089          |
| Sales and services of educational activities       |     | 59,607             |    | 63,161               | 60,273             |
| Investment income - program restricted             |     | 59,189             |    | 35,351               | 2                  |
| Auxiliary enterprises                              |     | 666,054            |    | 630,902              | 610,667            |
| General operating revenues (net of                 |     |                    |    |                      |                    |
| discounts)   | _   | 6,609              | _  |                      | 332,303            |
| Total Operating Revenues                           | _   | 3,702,536          | _  | 4,674,264            | 9,408,738          |
| _  |     |                    |    |                      |                    |
| Expenses:  |     | 0.040.40=          |    | 0.404.500            | 0.070.054          |
| Instruction  |     | 8,248,165          |    | 8,181,586            | 8,673,954          |
| Public service                                     |     | 526,304            |    | 497,920              | 496,072            |
| Academic support                                   |     | 2,844,003          |    | 2,872,924            | 2,678,448          |
| Student services                                   |     | 1,969,434          |    | 1,888,271            | 1,952,581          |
| Institutional support                              |     | 4,017,517          |    | 5,083,597            | 5,572,426          |
| Operation and maintenance of plant                 |     | 2,497,258          |    | 1,973,256            | 2,226,139          |
| Scholarships and fellowships Auxiliary enterprises |     | 494,782            |    | 450,808<br>1,465,919 | 3,495,834          |
| ·  |     | 1,623,348          |    |                      | 1,511,496          |
| Depreciation                                       | _   | 1,439,617          | -  | 1,405,398            | 913,981            |
| Total Operating Expenses                           | -   | 23,660,428         | -  | 23,819,679           | 27,520,931         |
| Operating Loss                                     | _   | (19,957,892)       | _  | (19,145,415)         | (18,112,193)       |
| NONOPERATING REVENUES                              |     |                    |    |                      |                    |
| (EXPENSES)   |     | 0 574 450          |    | 6 960 745            | 7 121 011          |
| State appropriations  Maintenance ad valorem taxes |     | 9,571,158          |    | 6,869,745            | 7,131,914          |
|  |     | 3,667,390          |    | 3,733,967            | 3,572,601          |
| Federal revenue, non-operating Gifts               |     | 7,905,547          |    | 8,012,311            | 8,333,799          |
| Investment income                                  |     | 269,689<br>514,187 |    | 272,133<br>287,622   | 291,436<br>245,770 |
|  |     | (37,321)           |    |                      |                    |
| Gain/Loss on disposal of assets<br>Lease income    |     | 14,064             |    | (28,813)<br>19,607   | (67,064)<br>20,431 |
| Operational costs of lease property                |     | (2,113)            |    | (3,270)              | (2,885)            |
| Amortization of bond issue costs                   |     | (34,259)           |    | (34,259)             | (34,259)           |
| Interest and fees on capital related debt          |     | (158,044)          |    | (168,270)            | (145,279)          |
| Net Non-Operating Revenues (Schedule C)            | _   | 21,710,298         | -  | 18,960,773           | 19,346,464         |
| Net Non-Operating Nevertues (Schedule C)           | -   | 21,110,290         | -  | 10,800,773           | 13,340,404         |
| Change in Net Position                             | \$_ | 1,752,406          | \$ | (184,642)            | \$<br>1,234,271    |

Operating revenues are separated into several categories. Student tuition and fees remained a major source of revenue for 2024, with an increase of \$130,597 from the prior year.

Federal grant revenue decreased in 2024 by \$739,269 as HEERF funds were no longer available.

Auxiliary revenues have continued a steady decline since 2019 when we outsourced our bookstore operations to a third-party vendor. We saw a slight increase in auxiliary revenues for the second year in a row. For 2024 that increase was \$35,152.

State appropriations also saw a substantial increase of \$2,701,413 compared to 2023 as a result of a new funding model generated from the passage of House Bill 8.

Operating expenses in 2024 saw a minimal decrease of \$159,251 compared to 2023, even while providing our employees with a 3% salary increase. We continue to cut costs, where possible, to offset the decline in enrollment. Auxiliary expenses increased by \$157,429 from 2023 to 2024, primarily due to rising food cost in our student cafeteria.

Property tax revenue remained steady as the Board of Trustees continues to hold the line at the no new revenue rate. The tax rate of the district remains one of the highest among community colleges in the state, while leaning on one of the lowest tax bases in the state.

The primary purpose of the *Statement of Cash Flows* is to provide relevant information about the cash receipts and cash payments of an entity during the fiscal period. The statement explains the changes during the period in cash and cash equivalents regardless of whether there are restrictions on their use. The total amount of cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the period shown in the statement are easily traceable to similarly titled items or subtotals shown on the Statement of Net Position. First, the statement reports the effects during the period of operations, capital financing, non-capital financing, and investing transactions. Secondly, related information reports the investing, capital, and financing transactions that affect financial position but do not directly affect cash flows during the period. Finally, a reconciliation of operating income to net cash from operating activities is provided.

|  |    | 2024            | 2023            | 2022         |
|--|----|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cash Flows From:                         |    |                 |                 |              |
| Operating activities                     | \$ | (19,099,696) \$ | (17,704,074) \$ | (17,098,878) |
| Noncapital financing activities          |    | 21,445,089      | 18,939,368      | 19,329,750   |
| Capital and related financing activities |    | (2,143,503)     | (1,697,886)     | (1,720,219)  |
| Investing activities                     | _  | 514,187         | 287,622         | 245,770      |
| Net increase (decrease) in Cash          |    | 716,077         | (174,970)       | 756,423      |
| Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of |    |                 |                 |              |
| year                                     |    | 11,805,174      | 11,980,144      | 11,223,721   |
| Cash and cash equivalents – end of year  | _  | 12,521,251      | 11,805,174      | 11,980,144   |

The primary cash receipts from operating activities consist of tuition, fees, grants and contracts. Cash outlays include payment of wages, benefits, supplies, and scholarships.

State allocations, Federal Title IV Grants, and property taxes are the main sources of noncapital financing activities. This source of revenue is categorized as non-operating even though the College's budget depends on these sources to continue the current level of operations of the physical plant and educational and administrative departments. In the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, lawmakers passed of HB 8, which changed the funding model for community colleges. Vernon College saw an unprecedented increase in state funding as a result.

The main capital and related financing activities include construction and renovation projects and payments on capital debt. Capital purchases in 2023-24 included new HVAC units, roofing repairs and a new truck for the rodeo program. 2022-23 purchases included new HVAC units, roof replacement and a new ERP/SIS system. Purchases in 2021-22 included new bleachers in the King Gym, a new 37 passenger bus and a new roof on the Osborne Administration building.

Principal paid on debt was \$700,00 in 2024, \$680,000 in 2022 and 2023, \$880,000 in 2021, \$627,181 in 2020. Interest and fees paid on capital debt totaled \$113,122 in 2024, \$168,270 in 2023, \$145,279 in 2022, \$164,525 in 2021, and \$189,241 in 2020. The bonds are set to be paid off in 2030.

Investing activities reported include lease income from the King Farm in excess of the related expenses of \$16,337 in 2023, \$17,545 for 2022, \$19,419 for 2021, and \$5,767 for 2020. Investing activities also reflects interest income earned on investments of \$287,622 in 2023 and \$245,770 in 2022.

## **Reporting of Component Unit**

Reported within this report is Exhibit 1.1, 2.1 and 3.1. Vernon College Foundation, Incorporated was established as a separate nonprofit organization in 1985. The unit raises funds to provide student scholarships and departmental grants. Exhibit 2.1 reports net assets increased by \$644,216 bringing the total assets to \$6,127,551 at the close of 2024. Gifts and contributions including transfers from the College Endowment Fund, realized gains, and unrealized gains or losses on investments are the major sources of revenue. Operating expense, investment advisory fees, and transfers to Vernon College are the main expenses.

## **Analysis of the College's Overall Financial Position**

The overall financial position of the College is good. The *Statistical Supplement Section* of this report reflects many changes. Trends in student tuition and fee revenue as well as state appropriations are reported on statistical supplement 1.

The College taxing district is Wilbarger County, Texas. Ad valorem taxes are assessed and collected by the Wilbarger County Tax Assessor/Collector for the College based on the valuation of real property and minerals on January 1. Taxable values are determined by the Wilbarger County Appraisal District. Taxable values increased by \$227,599,564 in 2024. The approved tax rate per \$100 of valuation was \$.2245 in 2023-24.

## Significant Capital Assets and Long-term Debt Activity

As mentioned previously in the discussion of the statement of net position, the College's investment in capital assets, net of related debt decreased by \$513,841 from \$13,233,048 in 2023 to \$13,746,889 in 2024. This decrease is a result of recording depreciation expense and payment of long-term debts. More details on the College's accounting policies for capital assets and current year activity can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The College's total noncurrent liabilities decreased from \$27,061,728 in 2023 to 24,594,693 in 2024. The decrease is the result of decreases of GASB 75 to reflect our share of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), less scheduled debt payments on existing debt. Debt payments, of which \$700,000 is principal, were made in 2024 under the College's revenue bonds program. Moody's rates the College as A-3 stable. The notes to the financial statements contain additional information concerning the debt structures for the College.

#### Discussion of Current Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

Enrollment for the Fall of 2011 was at an all-time record of 3,247. Since then we have experienced a gradual decline with enrollment for Fall 2015 totaling 2,891 before rebounding somewhat to 3,055 for Fall 2018. 2020 showed another small decrease with enrollment at 2,930. Indications are that most rural Community Colleges in Texas have seen similar fluctuations. In 2024 we have finally steadied the post-covid decline and remained flat on enrollment.

## **Contacting the College's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the College's finances and to demonstrate the College's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the College's Business Office.



## VERNON COLLEGE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 EXHIBIT 1

|   | 2024         | 2023          |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| ASSETS  |              |               |
| Current Assets:   |              |               |
| Cash and cash equivalents                               |              | \$ 11,721,374 |
| Accounts receivable (net)                               | 749,570      | 402,600       |
| Lease receivable  | 14,258       | 14,258        |
| Inventories   | 12,379       | 15,657        |
| Prepaid expenses  | 661,671      | 184,377       |
| Total Current Assets                                    | 12,896,778   | 12,338,266    |
| Noncurrent Assets:                                      |              |               |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents                    | 1,062,351    | 83,800        |
| Lease receivable  | 105,227      | 119,488       |
| Capital assets (net)                                    | 20,802,988   | 21,445,478    |
| Total Noncurrent Assets                                 | 21,970,566   | 21,648,766    |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | 34,867,344   | 33,987,032    |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES                          |              |               |
| Refunding loss  | 218,643      | 255,084       |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB          | 1,296,106    | 2,828,154     |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions      | 3,190,192    | 3,834,609     |
| TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES                    | 4,704,941    | 6,917,847     |
| LIABILITIES   |              |               |
| Current Liabilities:                                    |              |               |
| Accounts payable  | 91,040       | 423,860       |
| Accrued expenses  | 406,925      | 389,056       |
| Deposits  | 20,122       | 15,822        |
| Unearned revenues                                       | 1,383,378    | 1,006,190     |
| Lease and subscription liabilities - current portion    | 619,565      | 636,930       |
| Bonds payable - current portion                         | 715,000      | 700,000       |
| Total Current Liabilities                               | 3,236,030    | 3,171,858     |
| Noncurrent Liabilities:                                 |              |               |
| Net OPEB liability                                      | 12,707,942   | 14,455,406    |
| Net pension liability                                   | 6,165,217    | 5,730,822     |
| Lease and subscription liabilities - noncurrent portion | 1,918,443    | 2,355,227     |
| Bonds payable - noncurrent portion                      | 3,803,091    | 4,520,273     |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities                            | 24,594,693   | 27,061,728    |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                                       | 27,830,723   | 30,233,586    |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES                           |              |               |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to leases         | 119,485      | 133,746       |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB           | 6,281,141    | 6,318,285     |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions       | 1,744,833    | 2,375,565     |
| TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES                     | 8,145,459    | 8,827,596     |
| NET POSITION  |              |               |
| Net investment in capital assets                        | 13,746,889   | 13,233,048    |
| Restricted:   | ,,           | ,=00,0 10     |
| Nonexpendable for:                                      |              |               |
| Student aid   | 1,352,707    | 1,320,221     |
| Unrestricted  | (11,503,493) | (12,709,572)  |
| TOTAL NET POSITION \$                                   | 3,596,103    | \$ 1,843,697  |
|   |              |               |

# VERNON COLLEGE FOUNDATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - COMPONENT UNIT AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 EXHIBIT 1.1

|   |    | 2024                             | . <u> </u> | 2023                              |
|---|----|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>   |    |                                  |            |                                   |
| ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 76,925<br>6,050,626<br>6,127,551 | \$<br>     | 128,548<br>5,354,787<br>5,483,335 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                                |    | 6,127,551                        | · <u> </u> | 5,465,535                         |
| NET ASSETS Without donor restrictions                     | _  | 269,420                          | · <u></u>  | 225,225                           |
| With donor restrictions TOTAL NET ASSETS                  | _  | 5,858,131<br>6,127,551           | <u> </u>   | 5,258,110<br>5,483,335            |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                          | \$ | 6,127,551                        | \$         | 5,483,335                         |

## VERNON COLLEGE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 EXHIBIT 2

|  |    | 2024         |    | 2023         |
|--|----|--------------|----|--------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES  |    |              |    | _            |
| Operating Revenues:  |    |              |    |              |
| Tuition and fees (net of discounts of \$10,762,046 and \$11,464,508, respectively) | \$ | 818,953      | \$ | 688,356      |
| Federal grants and contracts   |    | 315,611      |    | 1,054,880    |
| State grants and contracts   |    | 573,157      |    | 428,086      |
| Non-governmental grants and contracts  |    | 1,203,356    |    | 1,773,528    |
| Sales and services of educational activities                                       |    | 59,607       |    | 63,161       |
| Investment income - program restricted   |    | 59,189       |    | 35,351       |
| Auxiliary enterprises  |    | 666,054      |    | 630,902      |
| General operating revenues (net of discounts of \$0, both years)                   | _  | 6,609        |    | <u>-</u>     |
| Total Operating Revenues (Schedule A)  |    | 3,702,536    | _  | 4,674,264    |
| Operating Expenses:  |    |              |    |              |
| Instruction  |    | 8,248,165    |    | 8,181,586    |
| Public service   |    | 526,304      |    | 497,920      |
| Academic support   |    | 2,844,003    |    | 2,872,924    |
| Student services   |    | 1,969,434    |    | 1,888,271    |
| Institutional support  |    | 4,017,517    |    | 5,083,597    |
| Operation and maintenance of plant   |    | 2,497,258    |    | 1,973,256    |
| Scholarships and fellowships   |    | 494,782      |    | 450,808      |
| Auxiliary enterprises  |    | 1,623,348    |    | 1,465,919    |
| Depreciation   |    | 1,439,617    |    | 1,405,398    |
| Total Operating Expenses (Schedule B)  |    | 23,660,428   | _  | 23,819,679   |
| Operating Loss   | _  | (19,957,892) |    | (19,145,415) |
| NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)  |    |              |    |              |
| State appropriations   |    | 9,571,158    |    | 6,869,745    |
| Maintenance ad valorem taxes   |    | 3,667,390    |    | 3,733,967    |
| Federal revenue, non-operating   |    | 7,905,547    |    | 8,012,311    |
| Gifts  |    | 269,689      |    | 272,133      |
| Investment income  |    | 514,187      |    | 287,622      |
| Loss on disposal of assets   |    | (37,321)     |    | (28,813)     |
| Lease income   |    | 14,064       |    | 19,607       |
| Operational costs of lease property  |    | (2,113)      |    | (3,270)      |
| Amortization of bond issue costs   |    | (34,259)     |    | (34,259)     |
| Interest and fees on capital related debt  |    | (158,044)    |    | (168,270)    |
| Net Non-Operating Revenues (Schedule C)  |    | 21,710,298   |    | 18,960,773   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Position  | _  | 1,752,406    | _  | (184,642)    |
| NET POSITION   |    |              |    |              |
| Net position - beginning of year, as restated                                      |    | 1,843,697    |    | 2,028,339    |
| Net position - end of year   | \$ | 3,596,103    | \$ | 1,843,697    |

## VERNON COLLEGE FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - COMPONENT UNIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 EXHIBIT 2.1

|                                      | -  | Net Assets<br>Without Donor<br>Restrictions | _   | Net Assets<br>With Donor<br>Restrictions | <u>-</u> | Total            |
|--------------------------------------|----|---|-----|--|----------|------------------|
| REVENUE                              | Φ  | 450,000                                     | Φ   | 70.007                                   | Φ        | 007.757          |
| Contributions Silent auction         | \$ | 158,860<br>1,144                            | \$  | 78,897                                   | \$       | 237,757<br>1,144 |
| Other income                         |    | 5,264                                       |     |  |          | 5,264            |
| Investment income                    |    | 3,204                                       |     | 855,078                                  |          | 855,078          |
| Net assets released from restriction |    | 333,954                                     |     | (333,954)                                |          | -                |
|                                      | -  |   | -   | (000,000)                                | -        |                  |
| TOTAL REVENUE                        | _  | 499,222                                     |     | 600,021                                  | _        | 1,099,243        |
| EXPENSE<br>Scholarships              |    | 333,954                                     |     |  |          | 333,954          |
| Grants                               |    | 100,159                                     |     |  |          | 100,159          |
| Other expenses                       | -  | 20,914                                      | _   |  | _        | 20,914           |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                        | -  | 455,027                                     | _   | -  | _        | 455,027          |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS               | -  | 44,195                                      | _   | 600,021                                  | -        | 644,216          |
| NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR      | -  | 225,225                                     | \$_ | 5,258,110                                | \$_      | 5,483,335        |
| NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR            | \$ | 269,420                                     | \$  | 5,858,131                                | \$       | 6,127,551        |

## VERNON COLLEGE FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - COMPONENT UNIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 EXHIBIT 2.2

|                                      | V  | Net Assets<br>/ithout Donor<br>Restrictions | _   | Net Assets<br>With Donor<br>Restrictions | _  | Total     |
|--------------------------------------|----|---|-----|--|----|-----------|
| REVENUE<br>Contributions             | \$ | 122,880                                     | \$  | 162,879                                  | \$ | 285,759   |
| Silent auction                       | Ψ  | 4,912                                       | Ψ   | 102,010                                  | Ψ  | 4,912     |
| Other income                         |    | 14  |     |  |    | 14        |
| Investment income                    |    |   |     | 367,759                                  |    | 367,759   |
| Net assets released from restriction |    | 314,554                                     | _   | (314,554)                                | _  |           |
| TOTAL REVENUE                        | _  | 442,360                                     | _   | 216,084                                  | -  | 658,444   |
| EXPENSE                              |    |   |     |  |    |           |
| Scholarships                         |    | 314,554                                     |     |  |    | 314,554   |
| Grants                               |    | 16,052                                      |     |  |    | 16,052    |
| Other expenses                       |    | 22,101                                      | _   |  | _  | 22,101    |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                        |    | 352,707                                     | _   |  | -  | 352,707   |
|                                      |    |   |     |  |    |           |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS               |    | 89,653                                      | _   | 216,084                                  | -  | 305,737   |
| NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR      | _  | 135,572                                     | _   | 5,042,026                                | _  | 5,177,598 |
| NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR            | \$ | 225,225                                     | \$_ | 5,258,110                                | \$ | 5,483,335 |

#### VERNON COLLEGE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 EXHIBIT 3

|  | _  | 2024                   | _   | 2023                                    |
|--|----|------------------------|-----|---|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES   | •  | 0.400.440              | Φ   | CE7 COO                                 |
| Receipts from students and other customers Receipts of appropriations, grants, and contracts       | \$ | 2,438,142<br>2,092,124 | Ф   | 657,609<br>3,020,637                    |
| Other receipts (payments)  |    | (364,485)              |     | 369,996                                 |
| Payments to or on behalf of employees  |    | (15,588,582)           |     | (14,636,706)                            |
| Payments to suppliers for goods or services  |    | (7,182,113)            |     | (6,664,802)                             |
| Payments of scholarships   |    | (494,782)              |     | (450,808)                               |
| Net cash used in operating activities  |    | (19,099,696)           | _   | (17,704,074)                            |
| CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES  |    |                        |     |   |
| State appropriations   |    | 9,571,158              |     | 6,869,745                               |
| Federal Title IV Grants  |    | 7,905,547              |     | 8,012,311                               |
| Property taxes for maintenance and operations  |    | 3,698,695              |     | 3,785,179                               |
| Gifts to endowment   |    | 269,689                |     | 272,133                                 |
| Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities  | _  | 21,445,089             | _   | 18,939,368                              |
| CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |    |                        |     |   |
| Purchases and construction of capital assets   |    | (834,449)              |     | (529,578)                               |
| Principal paid on capital debt   |    | (1,119,890)            |     | (963,480)                               |
| Amortization of bond issue cost and premiums   |    | (2,182)                |     | (2,182)                                 |
| Interest and fees paid on capital debt   | _  | (186,982)              | _   | (202,646)                               |
| Net cash used in capital and related financing activities  | _  | (2,143,503)            | _   | (1,697,886)                             |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |    |                        |     |   |
| Investment earnings  |    | 514,187                |     | 287,622                                 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities  |    | 514,187                | _   | 287,622                                 |
| Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents   |    | 716,077                |     | (174,970)                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents - September 1  | _  | 11,805,174             | _   | 11,980,144                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents - August 31  | \$ | 12,521,251             | \$_ | 11,805,174                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |    | 11,458,900             |     | 11,721,374                              |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents   |    | 1,062,351              |     | 83,800                                  |
|  | \$ | 12,521,251             | \$  | 11,805,174                              |
| RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:                         |    | <u> </u>               | =   |   |
|  | \$ | (19,957,892)           | \$  | (19,145,415)                            |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:                  | Ψ  | (13,307,032)           | Ψ   | (10,140,410)                            |
| Depreciation/amortization expense  |    | 1,439,617              |     | 1,405,398                               |
| Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources: | :  | 1,100,011              |     | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| Accounts receivable, net (adjusted for non-operating items)  |    | (364,014)              |     | (1,510,633)                             |
| Inventory  |    | 3,278                  |     | 2,603                                   |
| Deferred outflows of resources   |    | 2,176,465              |     | (377,779)                               |
| Deferred inflows of resources  |    | (670,185)              |     | 2,061,343                               |
| Prepaid expenses   |    | (477,294)              |     | 254,337                                 |
| Accounts payable   |    | (332,820)              |     | 36,970                                  |
| Deposits   |    | 19,030                 |     | (14,900)                                |
| Unearned revenues  |    | 377,188                |     | 873,061                                 |
| Net pension liability  |    | 434,395                |     | 3,245,015                               |
| Net OPEB liability   |    | (1,747,464)            | _   | (4,534,074)                             |
| Net cash used in operating activities  | \$ | (19,099,696)           | \$_ | (17,704,074)                            |

## VERNON COLLEGE FOUNDATION STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - COMPONENT UNIT FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 EXHIBIT 3.1

| CACH ELONG EDOM ODEDATING ACTIVITIES  |    | 2024      | _   | 2023      |
|---|----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Receipts from contributions                         | \$ | 237,757   | \$  | 285,759   |
| Receipts from silent auction  | •  | 1,144     | *   | 4,912     |
| Payments to suppliers for goods or services   |    | (132,381) |     | (52,959)  |
| Payments of scholarships and grants   |    | (333,954) |     | (314,554) |
| Net cash used in operating activities   |    | (227,434) |     | (76,842)  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES  |    |           |     |           |
| Proceeds from sale of investments   |    | 245,125   |     | 43        |
| Investment earnings   |    | 14,686    |     | 14,993    |
| Purchase of investments   |    | (84,000)  |     | (1,287)   |
| Net cash provided by investing activities   |    | 175,811   |     | 13,749    |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents   |    | (51,623)  |     | (63,093)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents - September 1   |    | 128,548   | _   | 191,641   |
| Cash and cash equivalents - August 31   | \$ | 76,925    | \$_ | 128,548   |
| RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH                           |    |           |     |           |
| USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Increase in net assets                                      | \$ | 644,216   | \$  | 305,737   |
| Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash used in operating activities: | Ψ  | 044,210   | Ψ   | 303,737   |
| Unrealized and realized gains on investments  |    | (16,572)  |     | (14,820)  |
| Investment income reinvested  |    | (855,078) |     | (367,759) |
| Net cash used in operating activities   | \$ | (227,434) | \$  | (76,842)  |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

## Note 1: Reporting Entity

The Wilbarger County Junior College District (Vernon College) was established in 1970, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to serve the educational needs of the public of Wilbarger County and surrounding communities. Vernon College (the "College") is considered a special purpose, primary government according to the definition in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. While the College receives funding from local, state, and federal sources and must comply with spending, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements of these entities, it is not a component unit of any governmental entity.

#### Component Unit

Vernon College Foundation Incorporated (the "Foundation") was established as a separate nonprofit organization in 1985 to raise funds to provide student scholarships and assistance in the development and growth of the College. Under Governmental Standards Board Statement 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, the Foundation is a component unit of the College because:

- The College provides financial support to the Foundation, and the economic resources received or held by the Foundation are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the College,
- The College is entitled to or has the ability to otherwise access a majority of the economic resources received or held by the Foundation and
- The economic resources held by the Foundation that the College is entitled to or can otherwise access, are significant to the College.

Accordingly, the Foundation's financial statements are included in the College's annual report as a discrete component unit.

#### Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies followed by the College in preparing these financial statements are in accordance with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Annual Financial Reporting Requirements for Texas Public Community Colleges. The College applies all applicable GASB pronouncements. The College is reported as a special-purpose government engaged in business-type activities.

#### **Tuition Discounting**

## **Texas Public Education Grants**

Certain tuition amounts are required to be set aside for use as scholarships by qualifying students. This set-aside called the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG), is shown with tuition and fee revenue amounts as a separate set-aside amount (Texas Education Code 56.033). When the student uses the award for tuition and fees, the amount is recorded as a tuition discount. If the amount is dispersed directly to the student, the amount is recorded as a scholarship expense.

#### <u>Title IV</u>, <u>Higher Education Act Program Funds</u>

Certain Title IV HEA Program funds are received by the College to pass through to students. These funds are initially received by the College and recorded as revenue. When the student uses the award for tuition and fees, the amount is recorded as a tuition discount. If the amount is dispersed directly to the student, the amount is recorded as a scholarship expense.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

#### Other Tuition Discounts

The College awards tuition and fee scholarships from institutional funds to students who qualify. When these amounts are used for tuition and fees, the amount is recorded as a tuition discount. If the amount is dispersed directly to the student, the amount is recorded as a scholarship expense.

#### Basis of Accounting

The College's financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis, whereby all revenues are recorded when earned and all expenses are recorded when they have been reduced to a legal or contractual obligation to pay.

#### **Budgetary Data**

Each community college in Texas is required by law to prepare an annual operating budget of anticipated revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning September 1. The College's Board of Trustees adopts the budget, which is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. A copy of the approved budget and subsequent amendments must be filed with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Legislative Budget Board, Legislative Reference Library, and Governor's Office of Budget and Planning by December 1.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The College's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Restricted cash and cash equivalents are held for federal programs and endowment purposes.

#### Receivables

Receivables consist of tuition and fees charged to students and charges for auxiliary enterprises' sales and services. Receivables also include amounts due from the federal, state, and local governments. Receivables are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts. The allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts totaled \$505,915 and \$525,559 as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### **Deferred Outflows**

In addition to assets, the College is aware that the Statements of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. Governments are permitted only to report deferred outflows in circumstances specifically authorized by the GASB. A typical deferred outflow for community colleges is a deferred charge on refunding debt. The college has deferred outflows related to its pension and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liabilities.

## <u>Investments</u>

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, investments are reported at fair value. Fair values are based on published market rates. Short-term investments have an original maturity greater than three months but less than one year at purchase. Long-term investments have an original maturity of greater than one year at the time of purchase.

The Foundation investments are carried at fair value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on marketable equity securities are recorded monthly and are added to or subtracted from the applicable category of net assets.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

#### Inventories

Inventories consist of livestock to be used in the rodeo program in the following year. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value under the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method and are charged to expense as consumed.

#### **Prepaid Expenses**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid assets.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition or fair value at the date of donation. For equipment, the College's capitalization policy includes all items with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Renovations to buildings, infrastructure, and land improvements that significantly increase the value or extend the life of the structure are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are charged to operating expenses in the year in which the expense is incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets applying the half-year convention. The following lives are used:

| Asset Type  | Years_ |
|---|--------|
| Buildings   | 20-50  |
| Land improvements                                   | 20     |
| Furniture, machinery, vehicles, and other equipment | 10     |
| Telecommunications and peripheral equipment         | 5      |
| Library books                                       | 15     |

Right-of-use lease assets resulting from public-private and/or public-public partnership (PPP) arrangements that qualify as leases are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

Right-of-use subscription assets resulting from qualifying subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) are amortized over the subscription term.

#### Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The College participates in the Employee's Retirement System of Texas (ERS) post-employment health care plan, a multiple-employer cost-sharing defined benefit plan with a special funding situation. The fiduciary net position of ERS has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, and information about assets, liabilities, and additions to/deductions from ERS's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments (including refunds of employer contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### Pensions

The College participates in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) pension plan, a multiple-employer cost-sharing defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation. The fiduciary net position of TRS has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus on the full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, pension expense, and information about assets, liabilities, and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position. Benefit

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payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### Unearned Revenues

Tuition and fees of \$1,306,105 and \$927,990 have been reported as unearned revenues as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Auxiliary enterprise revenues, including meal and dorm rent and other revenues reported as unearned revenues, totaled \$77,273 and \$78,200 as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

## **Deferred Inflows**

In addition to liabilities, the College is aware that the Statements 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(s) and so is not recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) until that time. Governments are permitted to report deferred inflows in circumstances specifically authorized by the GASB. The College has deferred inflows related to the net pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liabilities.

#### Noncurrent Long-Term Liabilities

Noncurrent long-term liabilities include bonds payable, lease liabilities, and any premiums or discounts associated with these debts that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.

#### **Income Taxes**

The College is exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 115, "Income of States, Municipalities, Etc.", although unrelated business income may be subject to income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 511(a)(2)(B), "Imposition of Tax on Unrelated Business Income of Charitable, Etc. Organizations". The College had no unrelated business tax liability for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Foundation is exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Operating and Non-Operating Revenue and Expense Policy

The College distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. The College reports as a business-type activity and as a single, proprietary fund. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the College's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues are tuition and related fees. The major non-operating revenues are state appropriations and property tax collections. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets.

The food service operation is not performed by the College but has been contracted out to a company under an annual agreement. The College pays the contractor a per meal rate with no guarantee or commitment, and the contractor uses the College's cafeteria and dining hall to conduct its operations.

When the College incurs an expense for which both restricted and unrestricted resources may be used, it is the College's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources.

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#### Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

#### Receivables

Receivables consist of tuition and fees charged to students and charges for auxiliary enterprises' sales and services. Receivables also include amounts due from the Federal government, state, and local governments. Receivables are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.

#### Leases

The College has implemented GASB 87. GASB 87 has adopted a single model that all leases represent financings of the right to use an underlying asset. It, therefore, provides for three accounting treatments: (1) short-term leases of 12 months or less, (2) contracts that transfer ownership, and (3) contracts that do not transfer ownership.

All leases not falling into the first two categories listed above are treated as "contracts that do not transfer ownership".

For leases where the College is a lessee, a lease payable and a right-of-use asset are recognized. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of fixed minimum lease payments expected to be made during the lease term. The lease payable is subsequently reduced by the principal payments made. The College must recognize interest expense over time based on the current balance of the lease and the implicit interest rate. The right-of-use asset is classified as an intangible and is initially measured as the lease payable with adjustments for payments made at or before the lease commencement date and certain initial direct costs. The College is required to amortize the value of the right-of-use asset systematically over the shorter period of the lease term or the useful life of the asset. Right-of-use assets are reported as capital assets, while lease payables are reported as long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the College determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The College uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the College generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the College is reasonably certain to exercise.

The College monitors changes in circumstances that would require a re-measurement of its leases and will re-measure the components if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable or lease payable.

#### Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)

The College recognizes a subscription liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-of-use subscription asset (an intangible asset), reported with capital assets, in the statements of net position. The College recognizes subscription liabilities on agreements with total annual payments of over \$13,000. At the commencement of a SBITA, the College initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. The subscription liability is subsequently reduced by the principal portion of SBITA payments. Interest expense is recognized over time based on the current balance of the SBITA and the implicit interest rate. The subscription asset is initially measured as the subscription liability adjusted for SBITA payments made at or before the commencement date and certain initial implementation costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter subscription term or the useful life of the underlying assets.

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Key estimates and judgments related to SBITAs include how the College determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected subscription payments to present value, (2) the subscription term, and (3) subscription payments.

- The College uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for SBITAs.
- The subscription term includes the non-cancellable period of the SBITA.
- Subscription payments included in the measurement of the subscription liability are composed of
  fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate,
  termination penalties if the College is reasonably certain to exercise such option, subscription
  contract incentives receivable from the vendor, and any other payments that are reasonably
  certain of being required based on an assessment of all relevant factors.

The College monitors changes in circumstances that would require a re-measurement of its SBITAs and will re-measure the components if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription asset or subscription liability.

## **Net Position**

The College's Net Position includes the following:

Net investment in capital assets – This item consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets net of accumulated depreciation that is reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted – nonexpendable net position – This is net position that is required to be retained in perpetuity, such as permanent endowments or permanent fund principal amounts. Some examples of nonexpendable assets are scholarships, fellowships, and research.

Restricted – expendable net position – This is a net position that is restricted due to constraints placed on the assets either by external creditors such as debt covenants or grantors or imposed by laws or regulations of other governments. This does not include net position restricted by the College's governing board. Some examples are scholarships and fellowships, research, instructional department uses, loans, capital projects, and debt service.

Unrestricted net position – This item consists of a net position not meeting the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets." The distribution of this net position must not be presented on the face of the financial statement but may be presented in the notes. When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the College's policy is to first apply the expense towards restricted resources and then towards unrestricted resources.

It is the College's policy to first use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

#### Net Assets – Foundation

The Foundation reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Foundation. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Foundation's management and the Board of Directors.

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Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets are subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Foundation or by passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to those without donor restrictions in the Statements of Activities. It is the Foundation's policy to first use restricted net assets prior to the use of unrestricted net assets when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

#### Note 3: Authorized Investments

The College is authorized to invest in obligations and instruments as defined in the Public Funds Act (Sec. 2256.001 Texas Government Code). Such investments include (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies, (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies, (3) obligations of political subdivisions rated not less than A by a national investment rating firm, (4) certificates of deposit, and (5) other instruments and obligations authorized by statute.

The College is required to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposits. The Public Funds Investment Act requires an annual audit of investment practices.

We have performed tests designed to verify Vernon College's compliance with the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. During the year ended August 31, 2024, no instances of noncompliance were found.

## Note 4: Deposits and Investments

The College's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. The College's depository bank deposits for safekeeping and trust with the College's agent bank-approved pledged securities in an amount sufficient to protect College funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. The College also utilizes the Texas Local Government Investment Pool, which was authorized under and created pursuant to the Act.

#### Cash and Deposits

At August 31, 2024 and 2023, the carrying amount of the College's deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$12,521,251 and \$11,805,174, respectively. The bank balance was \$13,120,509 and \$11,875,751, respectively. The College's cash deposits at August 31, 2024 and 2023 were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the College's agent bank in the College's name.

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The College Cash and Deposits included in Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 1.1, Statement of Net Position and Statement of Financial Position, consist of the items reported below:

|                           | _                | Primary    | / Ins | stitution  | <br>Component Unit |             |         |  |  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------|-------|------------|--------------------|-------------|---------|--|--|
|                           | <b>2024</b> 2023 |            | 2024  |            | 2023               |             |         |  |  |
| Bank Deposits             | _                |            | -     |            |                    |             |         |  |  |
| Demand deposits           | \$               | 12,519,651 | \$    | 11,804,124 | \$<br>19,948       | \$          | 69,653  |  |  |
| Money market              |                  | -          |       | -          | 27,492             |             | 58,895  |  |  |
| Total Bank Deposits       | _                | 12,519,651 | _     | 11,804,124 | <br>47,440         | · · · · · · | 128,548 |  |  |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents |                  |            |       |            |                    |             |         |  |  |
| Petty cash on hand        | _                | 1,600      | _     | 1,050      | <br>-              |             |         |  |  |
| Total Cash and Cash       | _                |            | -     |            |                    |             |         |  |  |
| Equivalents               | _                | 1,600      | _     | 1,050      | <br>-              | <u> </u>    |         |  |  |
| Total Cash and Deposits   | \$               | 12,521,251 | \$    | 11,805,174 | \$<br>47,440       | \$_         | 128,548 |  |  |

The College is required by Government Code Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act (Act) to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

The Act requires an annual audit of investment practices. Audit procedures in this area conducted as part of the audit of the basic financial statements disclosed that the College adhered to the requirements of the Act in the areas of investment practices, management reports, and establishment of appropriate policies. Additionally, the College's investment practices were in accordance with local policies.

The Act determines the types of investments that are allowable for the College. These include, with certain restrictions, (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies, (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies, (3) obligations of political subdivisions rated not less than A by a national investment rating firm, (4) certificates of deposit and (5) other instruments and obligations authorized by statute.

The College held no investments as of August 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Foundation's investments at August 31, 2024 and 2023 are shown below:

|                         | _        | 2024      | _   | 2023      |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| Equities                | \$       | 683,770   | \$  | 607,844   |
| Mutual funds            | <u>-</u> | 5,366,856 |     | 4,746,943 |
| Total fair market value | \$_      | 6,050,626 | \$_ | 5,354,787 |

Reconciliation of Investments to Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 1.1:

|                                |    | Primary            | Ins | stitution |    | Compo              | onent Unit |                    |  |                    |
|--------------------------------|----|--------------------|-----|-----------|----|--------------------|------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
|                                | _  | August 31,<br>2024 |     | •         |    | August 31,<br>2023 |            | August 31,<br>2024 |  | August 31,<br>2023 |
| Type of Security:              | _  |                    |     |           |    |                    | _          |                    |  |                    |
| Equities                       | \$ | -                  | \$  | -         | \$ | 683,770            | \$         | 607,844            |  |                    |
| Mutual funds                   |    | -                  |     | -         |    | 5,366,856          |            | 4,746,943          |  |                    |
| Total Investments              | \$ | -                  | \$  | -         | \$ | 6,050,626          | \$         | 5,354,787          |  |                    |
| Per Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 1.1: |    |                    |     |           |    |                    |            |                    |  |                    |
| Investments                    | \$ | -                  | \$  | -         | \$ | 6,050,626          | \$         | 5,354,787          |  |                    |
| Total                          | \$ | -                  | \$  | -         | \$ | 6,050,626          | \$         | 5,354,787          |  |                    |

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As of August 31, 2024, the Foundation had the following investments and maturities:

| Investment in Maturities (in Years | Investment | in Maturities | (in Years |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|

| Investment Type  | Fair Value      |    | Less than 1 | 1 to 2    | 2 to 3    |
|------------------|-----------------|----|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Equities         | \$<br>683,770   | \$ | N/A         | \$<br>N/A | \$<br>N/A |
| Mutual funds     | <br>5,366,856   | _  | N/A         | N/A       | N/A       |
| Total Fair Value | \$<br>6,050,626 | \$ | N/A         | \$<br>N/A | \$<br>N/A |

The Foundation held the following investments with a continuous unrealized loss position at August 31, 2024:

|                  |            | Less tha   | n 12 | ? months | 12 mon     | ths | or longer  |
|------------------|------------|------------|------|----------|------------|-----|------------|
|                  | Unrealized |            |      |          |            |     | Unrealized |
| Investment Type  |            | Fair Value | _    | Loss     | Fair Value |     | Loss       |
| Mutual funds     | \$         | -          | \$   | - \$     | 1,009,586  | \$  | (127,102)  |
| Total Fair Value | \$         | -          | \$   | - \$     | 1,009,586  | \$  | (127,102)  |

Unrealized losses are considered temporary and are generally caused by market fluctuations. The Foundation has the intent and ability to hold the investments until they recover their fair value.

#### Public Funds Investment Pools

Public funds investment pools in Texas (Pools) are established under the authority of the Inter-local Cooperation Act, Chapter 79 of the Texas Government Code, and are subject to the provisions of the Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. In addition to other provisions of the Act designed to promote liquidity and safety of principal, the Act requires Pools to 1) have an advisory board composed of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool; 2) maintain a continuous rating of no lower than AAA or A/M-m or an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service; and 3) maintain the market value of its underlying investment portfolio within one half of one percent of the value of its shares. The College, on occasion, participates in the TexPool Investment Pool, further described as follows:

The TexPool Prime Investment Pool (TexPool) is a local government investment pool organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and operates under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts oversees TexPool. Federated Investors, Inc. is the administrator and investment manager of TexPool under a contract with the State Comptroller. In accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, the State Comptroller has appointed the TexPool Investment Advisory Board to advise with respect to TexPool. The board is composed equally of participants in TexPool Portfolios and other people who do not have a business relationship with TexPool Portfolios and are qualified to advise in respect to TexPool Portfolios. The Advisory Board members review the investment policy and management fee structure. TexPool is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's. All investments are stated at amortized cost, which usually approximates the market value of the securities. The stated objective of TexPool is to maintain a stable average of \$1.00 per unit net asset value; however, the \$1.00 net asset value is not guaranteed or insured. The financial statements can be obtained from the Texas Trust Safekeeping Trust Company website at <a href="https://www.ttstc.org">www.ttstc.org</a>.

#### Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

GASB Statement No. 40 requires a determination as to whether the College was exposed to the following specific investment risks at year-end and if so, the reporting of certain related disclosures.

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#### Credit Risk

This is the risk that an issuer of an investment will be unable to fulfill its obligations. The rating of securities by nationally recognized rating agencies is designed to give an indication of credit risk. In accordance with state law and the College's investment policy, investment in mutual funds and investment pools must be rated at least AAA, commercial paper must be rated at least A-1 or P-1, and investments in obligations other than states, municipalities, counties, etc. must be rated at least A as well.

The College did not carry any investments as of August 31, 2024 or 2023 and as such was not exposed to credit risk.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the College's name.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the College will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The College did not invest in repurchase agreements.

As of August 31, 2024, the carrying amount of the College's bank balances was \$13,120,509. Bank balances of \$250,000 were covered by Federal Depository Insurance. Bank balances in the amount of \$15,000,000 were covered by securities held by the bank in the College's name. The remainder of the bank balance was covered under a *Deposit Insurance Program* that allocates the deposits between different financial institutions at all times such that all deposits are, in effect, covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

At year-end, the College was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

This is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the College's investment in a single issuer (i.e., lack of diversification). The College does not place a limit on the amount the College may invest in any one issuer. Concentration risk is defined as positions of 5 percent (5%) or more in the securities of a single issuer. At year end, the College was not exposed to a concentration of credit risk.

More than 5% of the Foundation's investments are in Vanguard Star (51.1%).

#### Interest Rate Risk

This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. In accordance with its investment policy, the College does not purchase any investments with maturities greater than 10 years.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

This is the risk that exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The College is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

## **Investment Accounting Policy**

The College's general policy is to report money market investments and short-term participating interestearning investment contracts at amortized cost and to report nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts using a cost-based measure. However, if the fair value of an investment is significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors, it is reported at fair value. All other

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investments are reported at fair value unless a legal contract exists that guarantees a higher value. The term "short-term" refers to investments that have a remaining term of one year or less at the time of purchase. The term "nonparticipating" means that the investment's value does not vary with market interest rate changes. Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are examples of nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

If the inputs used to measure the financial instruments fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to their fair value measurement of the instrument.

The three levels of the fair value of hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the government can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included with Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The application of valuation techniques to similar assets has been consistent, and there were no transfers between levels during the year. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value:

Equities: valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded. If listed prices or quotes are not available, fair value is based upon externally developed models that use unobservable inputs to the limited market activity of the instrument.

Mutual funds: valued at the net asset value of shares held at year end at the closing price reported on the active market.

The fair value hierarchy of Foundation investments at August 31, 2024 follows:

|                 | _   | Fair '    | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using |   |     |           |     |           |     |           |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|---|---|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Investment Type |     | (Level 1) | (Level 2)                                       |   |     | (Level 3) | _   | Total     | _   | FY 23     |  |  |  |  |
| Equities        | \$  | 683,770   | \$  | - | \$  | -         | \$  | 683,770   | \$  | 607,844   |  |  |  |  |
| Mutual funds    | -   | 5,366,856 | _   |   | _   |           |     | 5,366,856 | _   | 4,746,943 |  |  |  |  |
| Total           | \$_ | 6,050,626 | \$_   | - | \$_ | -         | \$_ | 6,050,626 | \$_ | 5,354,787 |  |  |  |  |

#### Permanent Endowment

The College maintains a permanent endowment fund for funding scholarships to the College's students. The endowment consists of numerous individual gifts from various individuals and groups and all proceeds are held as cash and cash equivalents or invested in certificates of deposit. All interest income earned on the investments is available for awarding scholarships to eligible Vernon College students. These amounts are included in restricted cash and cash equivalents and endowed investments on the statement of net position.

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A roll forward of the College endowment fund for the years ended August 31,:

|   |    | 2024      | 2023            |
|---|----|-----------|-----------------|
| Endowment net assets, beginning of year | \$ | 1,320,221 | \$<br>1,291,868 |
| Contributions                           |    | -         | 50              |
| Investment earnings                     |    | 59,190    | 35,351          |
| Scholarships                            | _  | (26,704)  | <br>(7,048)     |
| Endowment net assets, end of year       | \$ | 1,352,707 | \$<br>1,320,221 |

## **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied by October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the College in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed. Property tax revenues are considered available when they become due or past due and receivable within the current period.

Allowances for uncollectible tax receivables are based on historical experience in collecting property taxes. Uncollectible personal property taxes are periodically reviewed and written off, but the College is prohibited from writing off real property taxes without specific statutory authority from the Texas Legislature.

#### Note 5: Ad Valorem Tax

The following are additional disclosures related to property taxes for the years ended August 31 ,2024 and 2023:

The College's ad valorem property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the College.

|  |    | Fiscal Ye<br>Ending Aug |    | 31,             |    | _         | 2024   |                       | :    | 202             | 3                              |          |
|--|----|-------------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------|--|-----------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Assessed Valuation of the College<br>Less: Exemptions<br>Net Assessed Value of the College |    |                         |    |                 |    | \$<br>\$_ | 3,147,175,45<br>(1,476,302,69)<br>1,670,872,76 | 0)                    | (1,0 | 25,5            | 105,500<br>543,710)<br>561,790 |          |
| Fiscal Year<br>Ending<br>August 31,  |    |                         |    | 2024            |    |           |  |                       |      | 2023            |                                |          |
|  | _  | Current<br>Operations   |    | Debt<br>Service |    | Total     |  | Current<br>Operations |      | Debt<br>Service | _                              | Total    |
| Authorized<br>tax rate per<br>\$100<br>valuation<br>Assessed<br>tax rate per               | \$ | 1.000000                | \$ | 0.0000          | \$ | 1.000000  | ) (  | 1.000000              | \$   | 0.0000          | \$                             | 1.000000 |
| \$100<br>valuation   | \$ | .194555                 | \$ | 0.0000          | \$ | .194555   | 5 5  | .232436               | \$   | 0.0000          | \$                             | .232436  |

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Taxes levied for the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$3,322,390 and \$3,385,122, respectively.

Payments in lieu of taxes of \$345,000 and \$345,000 were collected in 2024 and 2023 respectively.

Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the following year in which they are imposed.

| Taxes Collected   |             | 2024<br>Current<br>Operations |     | 2023<br>Current<br>Operations |  |  |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Current taxes collected Delinquent taxes collected Penalties and interest collected | \$          | 3,291,132<br>35,944<br>26,619 | \$  | 3,351,667<br>52,315<br>36,197 |  |  |
| Total Collections   | \$ <u>_</u> | 3,353,695                     | \$_ | 3,440,179                     |  |  |

Tax collections for the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 were 98.94% and 98.89% of the actual tax levy. Allowances for uncollectible taxes are based on historical experience in collecting property taxes. The use of tax proceeds is restricted to either maintenance and operations or general obligation debt service.

## Note 6: Disaggregation of Receivables and Payables Balances

Receivables as of August 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

|                                  | _  | 2024    | 2023          |
|----------------------------------|----|---------|---------------|
| Students                         | \$ | 162,553 | \$<br>160,715 |
| Federal grants                   |    | 293,263 | 65,632        |
| State/local grants and contracts |    | 5,887   | 28,261        |
| Property taxes                   |    | 60,874  | 92,179        |
| Lease receivable                 |    | 119,485 | 133,746       |
| Others                           |    | 226,993 | 55,813        |
| Total                            | \$ | 869,055 | \$<br>536,346 |

Payables and accrued expenses as of August 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

|                               | <br>2024      | _   | 2023    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----|---------|
| Vendor payables               | \$<br>91,040  | \$  | 423,860 |
| Salaries and benefits payable | 382,807       |     | 368,077 |
| Interest payable              | 24,118        |     | 20,979  |
| Deposits                      | <br>20,122    | _   | 15,822  |
| Total                         | \$<br>518,087 | \$_ | 828,738 |

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# Note 7: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2024, was as follows:

| Business-type activities              |     | Beginning<br>Balances                    | Increases       | _   | Decreases |    | Ending<br>Balances |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|-----------------|-----|-----------|----|--------------------|
| Capital assets not being depreciated: |     |  |                 |     |           |    |                    |
| Land                                  | \$  | 2,805,991                                | \$<br>          | \$  |           | \$ | 2,805,991          |
| Total capital assets not being        |     |  |                 |     |           |    |                    |
| depreciated                           | _   | 2,805,991                                |                 |     | -         | _  | 2,805,991          |
| Capital assets being depreciated:     |     |  |                 |     |           |    |                    |
| Buildings                             |     | 22,815,392                               | 149,892         |     | -         |    | 22,965,284         |
| Improvements                          |     | 2,521,264                                | -               |     | -         |    | 2,521,264          |
| Right-of-use assets buildings         |     | 788,707                                  | -               |     | -         |    | 788,707            |
| Right-of-use assets equipment         |     | 200,448                                  | -               |     | -         |    | 200,448            |
| Right-of-use assets subscriptions     |     | 3,124,049                                | 234,781         |     | -         |    | 3,358,830          |
| Furniture, machinery, vehicles        |     |  |                 |     |           |    |                    |
| and other equipment                   |     | 4,670,030                                | 443,471         |     | (51,111)  |    | 5,062,390          |
| Telecommunications and                |     |  |                 |     |           |    |                    |
| peripheral equipment                  |     | 1,662,631                                | 6,305           |     | (322,099) |    | 1,346,837          |
| Library books                         | _   | 1,235,302                                |                 |     | -         |    | 1,235,302          |
| Total capital assets being            |     |  |                 |     | ( )       |    |                    |
| depreciated                           | -   | 37,017,823                               | 834,449         |     | (373,210) | _  | 37,479,062         |
|                                       |     | Beginning                                |                 |     |           |    | Ending             |
| Business-type activities              |     | Balances                                 | Increases       |     | Decreases |    | Balances           |
| Less accumulated depreciation for:    | -   | Dalalices                                | IIICIEases      |     | Decreases | _  | Dalatices          |
| Buildings                             |     | (10,431,400)                             | (347,514)       |     | _         |    | (10,778,914)       |
| Improvements                          |     | (1,336,542)                              | (100,817)       |     | _         |    | (1,437,359)        |
| Right-of-use assets buildings         |     | (171,595)                                | (108,228)       |     | _         |    | (279,823)          |
| Right-of-use assets equipment         |     | (59,095)                                 | (48,001)        |     | _         |    | (107,096)          |
| Right-of-use assets subscriptions     |     | (825,001)                                | (548,042)       |     | _         |    | (1,373,043)        |
| Furniture, machinery, vehicles        |     | (0=0,001)                                | (0.10,0.1=)     |     |           |    | (1,010,010)        |
| and other equipment                   |     | (3,293,787)                              | (215,142)       |     | 46,000    |    | (3,462,929)        |
| Telecommunications and                |     | (1, 11, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, | ( -, ,          |     | 7         |    | (-, - ,,           |
| peripheral equipment                  |     | (1,218,384)                              | (59,303)        |     | 289,888   |    | (987,799)          |
| Library books                         |     | (1,042,532)                              | (12,570)        |     | -,        |    | (1,055,102)        |
| Total accumulated depreciation        | -   | (18,378,336)                             | (1,439,617)     | •   | 335,888   |    | (19,482,065)       |
| Net other capital assets              | -   | 18,639,487                               | (605,168)       | •   | (37,322)  |    | 17,996,997         |
| Capital assets, net                   | \$  | 21,445,478                               | \$<br>(605,168) | \$  | (37,322)  | \$ | 20,802,988         |
| • '                                   | · - | , , -                                    | <br>            | · - |           | -  | , ,                |

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Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2023, was as follows:

|  |     | Beginning     |     |             |    |              |     | Ending                      |
|--|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|----|--------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Business-type activities                   | _   | Balances      | _   | Increases   | _  | Decreases    | _   | Balances                    |
| Capital assets not being                   |     |               |     |             |    |              |     |                             |
| depreciated:                               |     |               |     |             |    |              |     |                             |
| Land                                       | \$_ | 2,805,991     | \$_ | -           | \$ |              | \$_ | 2,805,991                   |
| Total capital assets not being             |     |               |     |             |    |              |     |                             |
| depreciated                                | _   | 2,805,991     | -   | -           | -  | <del>_</del> | _   | 2,805,991                   |
| Capital assets being depreciated:          |     |               |     |             |    |              |     |                             |
| Buildings                                  |     | 22,815,392    |     | _           |    | _            |     | 22,815,392                  |
| Improvements                               |     | 2,351,733     |     | 169,531     |    | _            |     | 2,521,264                   |
| Right-of-use assets buildings              |     | 788,707       |     | 100,001     |    | _            |     | 788,707                     |
| Right-of-use assets equipment              |     | 142,836       |     | 116,665     |    | (59,053)     |     | 200,448                     |
| Right-of-use assets subscriptions          |     | 2,978,679     |     | 145,370     |    | (00,000)     |     | 3,124,049                   |
| Furniture, machinery, vehicles             |     | 2,010,010     |     | 0,0.0       |    |              |     | 0,121,010                   |
| and other equipment                        |     | 4,612,307     |     | 81,928      |    | (24,205)     |     | 4,670,030                   |
| Telecommunications and                     |     | .,0.=,00.     |     | 0.,020      |    | (=:,===)     |     | .,0.0,000                   |
| peripheral equipment                       |     | 1,910,463     |     | 16,084      |    | (263,916)    |     | 1,662,631                   |
| Library books                              |     | 1,235,302     |     | -           |    | -            |     | 1,235,302                   |
| Total capital assets being                 | _   | , ,           | -   |             | -  |              | _   | , ,                         |
| depreciated                                | _   | 36,835,419    | _   | 529,578     | _  | (347,174)    | _   | 37,017,823                  |
|  |     |               |     |             |    |              |     |                             |
| Less accumulated depreciation for:         |     | (40.047.000)  |     | (444.400)   |    |              |     | (10 101 100)                |
| Buildings                                  |     | (10,017,208)  |     | (414,192)   |    | -            |     | (10,431,400)                |
| Improvements                               |     | (1,250,080)   |     | (86,462)    |    | -            |     | (1,336,542)                 |
| Right-of-use assets buildings              |     | (63,367)      |     | (108,228)   |    | -            |     | (171,595)                   |
| Right-of-use assets equipment              |     | (77,856)      |     | (40,292)    |    | 59,053       |     | (59,095)                    |
| Right-of-use assets subscriptions          |     | (341,996)     |     | (483,005)   |    | -            |     | (825,001)                   |
| Furniture, machinery, vehicles             |     | (2 140 702)   |     | (174 770)   |    | 24 704       |     | (2 202 707)                 |
| and other equipment Telecommunications and |     | (3,140,792)   |     | (174,779)   |    | 21,784       |     | (3,293,787)                 |
| peripheral equipment                       |     | (1,370,312)   |     | (85,596)    |    | 237,524      |     | (1,218,384)                 |
| Library books                              |     | (1,029,688)   |     | (12,844)    |    | 231,324      |     |                             |
| Total accumulated depreciation             | -   | (17,291,299)  | -   | (1,405,398) | -  | 318,361      | _   | (1,042,532)<br>(18,378,336) |
| Net other capital assets                   | -   | 19,544,120    | -   | (875,820)   | -  | (28,813)     | _   | 18,639,487                  |
| Capital assets, net                        | \$  | 22,350,111    | \$  |             | \$ | (28,813)     | \$  | 21,445,478                  |
| Capital assets, flet                       | Φ_  | ZZ,33U, I I I | Φ_  | (875,820)   | Φ_ | (20,013)     | Φ_  | Z1,440,470                  |

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# Note 8: Long-Term Obligations

Long-term liability activity for the year ended August 31, 2024, was as follows:

|   | Beginning<br>Balance      | · • | Increases | <br>Decreases              | -   | Ending<br>Balance   | · - | Current<br>Portion |
|---|---------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Revenue bonds<br>Bond premium<br>Leases and | \$<br>5,205,000<br>15,273 | \$  | -         | \$<br>(700,000)<br>(2,182) | \$  | 4,505,000<br>13,091 | \$  | 715,000<br>-       |
| subscriptions<br>Net pension                | 2,992,157                 |     | 182,781   | (636,930)                  |     | 2,538,008           |     | 619,565            |
| liability<br>Net OPEB                       | 5,730,822                 |     | 895,751   | (461,356)                  |     | 6,165,217           |     | -                  |
| liability                                   | 14,455,406                |     | -         | <br>(1,747,464)            | -   | 12,707,942          | -   | -                  |
| Totals                                      | \$<br>28,398,658          | \$  | 1,078,532 | \$<br>(3,547,932)          | \$_ | 25,929,258          | \$_ | 1,334,565          |

Long-term liability activity for the year ended August 31, 2023, was as follows:

|                                      | _   | Beginning<br>Balance | _   | Increases | Decreases                  | _   | Ending<br>Balance   |     | Current<br>Portion |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Revenue bonds<br>Bond premium        | \$  | 5,885,000<br>17,455  | \$  | -         | \$<br>(680,000)<br>(2,182) | \$  | 5,205,000<br>15,273 | \$  | 700,000            |
| Leases and subscriptions Net pension |     | 3,309,895            |     | 261,593   | (579,331)                  |     | 2,992,157           |     | 636,930            |
| liability                            |     | 2,485,807            |     | 3,695,459 | (450,444)                  |     | 5,730,822           |     | _                  |
| Net OPEB liability                   | _   | 18,989,480           | _   |           | (4,534,074)                | _   | 14,455,406          |     |                    |
| Totals                               | \$_ | 30,687,637           | \$_ | 3,957,052 | \$<br>(6,246,031)          | \$_ | 28,398,658          | \$_ | 1,336,930          |

# Note 9: Debt and Lease Obligations

The Wilbarger County Junior College District Consolidated Fund Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 were issued to refund outstanding bonds and provide the College with approximately \$5,000,000 of additional funds to renovate the College's Century City Center in Wichita Falls, Texas. The bonds are payable over 20 years through August 31, 2030 with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 4.00%. The sources of revenue for debt service include, as necessary, (1) tuition, (2) building use fees, (3) student service fees, (4) other fees, (5) gross revenues of the Auxiliary Enterprise Fund, and (6) all investment earnings of the College lawfully available for such purpose.

The Wilbarger County Junior College District Consolidated Fund Revenue Refunding Bond Series 2016 was issued to pay off the remaining balance of the 2004 Taxable Series and refinance the callable portion of the 2010 Refunding Series. The bonds are payable over 20 years through August 31, 2030, and shall bear interest at a rate of 2.33%. The sources of revenue for debt service include, as necessary, (1) tuition, (2) building use fees, (3) student service fees, (4) other fees, (5) gross revenues of the Auxiliary Enterprise Fund, and (6) all investment earnings of the College lawfully available for such purpose.

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Debt service requirements for the College's outstanding bonds at August 31, 2024 are as follows:

| Fiscal Year<br>Ending August 31, | Principal | <br>Interest  | _  | Total<br>Requirement |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|----|----------------------|
| 2025 \$                          | 715,000   | \$<br>96,637  | \$ | 811,637              |
| 2026                             | 730,000   | 79,802        |    | 809,802              |
| 2027                             | 745,000   | 62,619        |    | 807,619              |
| 2028                             | 765,000   | 45,027        |    | 810,027              |
| 2029                             | 780,000   | 27,029        |    | 807,029              |
| 2030                             | 770,000   | 8,971         |    | 778,971              |
| Totals \$                        | 4,505,000 | \$<br>320,085 | \$ | 4,825,085            |

The bond indentures contain a number of limitations and restrictions. Management has indicated that the College is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

Obligations under leases as of August 31, 2024 were as follows:

| Fiscal Year<br>Ending August 31, | _  | Principal |    | Interest | _  | Total<br>Requirement |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|----|----------|----|----------------------|
| 2025                             | \$ | 137,298   | \$ | 7,555    | \$ | 144,853              |
| 2026                             |    | 132,149   |    | 5,696    |    | 137,845              |
| 2027                             |    | 124,109   |    | 3,834    |    | 127,943              |
| 2028                             |    | 114,204   |    | 2,040    |    | 116,244              |
| 2029                             |    | 101,617   |    | 883      |    | 102,500              |
| 2030-2034                        |    | 34,096    | _  | 71       | _  | 34,167               |
|                                  | \$ | 643,473   | \$ | 20,079   | \$ | 663,552              |

Lease obligations consisted of the following as of August 31, 2024:

- Monthly (60 months) copier lease maturing in December 2027; monthly payments of \$300; discount rate of 3.72%.
- Monthly (60 months) copier lease maturing in August 2027; monthly payments of \$63; discount rate of 3.99%.
- Monthly (60 months) copier lease maturing in June 2026; monthly payments of \$990; discount rate of 0.13%.
- Monthly (60 months) copier lease maturing in August 2025; monthly payments of \$419; discount rate of 0.47%.
- Monthly (60 months) copier lease maturing in August 2028; monthly payments of \$1,700; discount rate of 3.52%.
- Monthly (60 months) copier lease maturing in March 2028; monthly payments of \$56; discount rate of 4.04%.
- Annual (7 years) facility lease maturing in December 2029; annual payments of \$102,500; discount rate of 0.99%.

The College does not capitalize any lease obligations with an original term of less than one year.

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Obligations under subscription-based information technology arrangements as of August 31, 2024 were as follows:

| Fiscal Year<br>Ending August 31, |    | Principal | _   | Interest | _   | Total<br>Requirement |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|
| 2025                             | \$ | 482,267   | \$  | 34,711   | \$  | 516,978              |
| 2026                             | •  | 481,615   | ·   | 25,670   | •   | 507,285              |
| 2027                             |    | 455,067   |     | 16,254   |     | 471,321              |
| 2028                             |    | 475,586   | _   | 8,315    | _   | 483,901              |
| 9                                | \$ | 1,894,535 | \$_ | 84,950   | \$_ | 1,979,485            |

Subscription-based leases consisted of the following as of August 31, 2024:

- Monthly (46 months) software lease maturing in June 2025; monthly payments ranging from \$31,827 to \$33,764; discount rate of 0.18%.
- Annual (5 years) software lease maturing in August 2026; annual payments of \$21,550; discount rate of 0.19%.
- Annual (3 years) software lease maturing in July 2025; annual payments ranging from \$29,746 to \$31,733; discount rate of 2.88%.
- Annual (7 years) software lease maturing in November 2028; annual payments ranging from \$361,710 to \$431,901; discount rate of 1.32%.
- Annual (4 years) software lease maturing in August 2026; annual payments ranging from \$12,044 to \$48,177; discount rate of 3.89%.
- Annual (5 years) software lease maturing in November 2028; annual payments of \$52,000; discount rate of 5.25%.

The College does not capitalize any subscription-based leases with an original term of less than one year.

As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, the College was in compliance with all material aspects of the bond indentures and other debt covenants.

#### Note 10: Lease Receivable

Vernon College leases land to two ranches with agreements for 10 years with interest rates equal to the market rate at the time of the lease renewals. Vernon College recognized lease revenues of \$14,262 in fiscal year 2024. Leases payments receivable from leases where the college is the lessor include the following:

| Fiscal Year Ending August 31, |    | Principal |    | Interest |    | Total<br>Requirement |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------|----|----------|----|----------------------|
| 2025                          | \$ | 14,257    | \$ | 5        | \$ | 14,262               |
| 2026                          | Ψ  | 14,258    | Ψ  | 4        | Ψ  | 14,262               |
| 2027                          |    | 14,258    |    | 4        |    | 14,262               |
| 2028                          |    | 14,259    |    | 3        |    | 14,262               |
| 2029                          |    | 14,259    |    | 3        |    | 14,262               |
| 2030-2033                     |    | 48,194    |    | 2        |    | 48,196               |
| Total minimum lease payments  | \$ | 119,485   | \$ | 21       | \$ | 119,506              |

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#### Note 11: Compensated Absences

The College has adopted a "use it or lose it" policy and does not compensate for unused vacation or sick leave.

#### Vacation Leave

Fulltime employees earn annual leave from 8 to 12 hours per month depending on the number of years employed with the College. The College's policy is that an employee may carry his accrued vacation leave forward from one fiscal year to another with a maximum carry forward of 160 hours. Employees with at least one month of service who terminate their employment are entitled to payment of all accumulated vacation leave up to the maximum allowed. The College recognized the accrued liability for the unpaid vacation leave of \$382.808 and \$368.077 at August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### Sick Leave

Sick leave, which can be accumulated up to 480 hours, is typically earned at the rate of 8 hours per month. It is paid to an employee who misses work due to illness. Liability is not shown in the financial statements since experience indicates the expenditure for sick leave to be minimal and accrued balances are not payable to an employee who terminates employment.

#### Note 12: Employee's Retirement Plan

The State of Texas has joint contributory retirement plans for almost all its employees. TRS issues suggested footnote disclosures for pension plans resulting from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68. The TRS sample footnotes are displayed below and can also be obtained from the TRS website. Certain revisions, including additions and deletions, have been made to the TRS suggested footnote disclosures below to achieve appropriate disclosure for community colleges.

#### Teacher Retirement System of Texas

# Plan Description

The College participates in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation. The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) administers the plan. TRS's defined benefit pension plan is established and administered in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Sec. 67, and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. The pension trust fund is a qualified pension trust under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Texas Legislature establishes benefits and contribution rates within the guidelines of the Texas Constitution. The pension's Board of Trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms.

All employees of public, state-supported educational institutions in Texas who are employed for one-half or more of the standard workload and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

# Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Pension

Detailed information about the TRS's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the internet at:

https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/2023%20ACFR%20Final%2011-20-2023.pdf or by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

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#### Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using a 2.3 percent (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity; except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is under age 60 or 62 depending on the date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes, including automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Ad hoc post-employment benefits changes, including ad hoc COLAs, can be granted by the Texas Legislature, as noted in the plan description above.

#### Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution, which requires the Texas legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6.0% of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6.0% and not more than 10.0% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year. Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements if, as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action.

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. Senate Bill 1458 of the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2020 through 2025.

| Contribution Rates                            | 2024          | 2023  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-------|--|--|
| Member  | <br>8.25%     | 8.00% |  |  |
| Non-employer contributing entity (State)      | 8.25%         | 8.00% |  |  |
| Employers                                     | 8.00%         | 8.00% |  |  |
| FY2023 District or member contributions       | \$<br>748,351 |       |  |  |
| FY2023 State of Texas on-behalf contributions | \$<br>335,207 |       |  |  |
| FY2023 District or college contributions      | \$<br>441,777 |       |  |  |

College contributions to the TRS pension plan in 2024 were \$454,936 as reported in the Schedule of College's Contributions for Pensions in the Required Supplementary Information section of these financial statements. Estimated State of Texas on-behalf contributions for 2024 were \$352,637.

As the non-employer contributing entity for public education and junior colleges, the State of Texas
contributes to the retirement system an amount equal to the current employer contribution rate
times the aggregate annual compensation of all participating members of the pension trust fund
during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers.

Public junior colleges or junior college districts are required to pay the employer contributions rate in the following instances:

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum, members are entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member's first 90 days of employment.

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- When any part or all of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.
- When the employing district is a public junior college or junior college district, the employer shall contribute to the retirement system an amount equal to 50% of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees and 100% of the state contribution rate for all other employees.
- In addition to the employer contributions listed above, when employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after-retirement surcharge.

# Net Pension Liability (Asset)

#### Actuarial Assumptions

The total Pension Liability in the August 31, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

| Valuation date                                 | August 31, 2023             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Actuarial cost method                          | Individual Entry Age Normal |
| Asset valuation method                         | Fair Value                  |
| Actuarial assumptions:                         |                             |
| Single discount rate                           | 7.00%                       |
| Long-term expected investment rate of return*  | 7.00%                       |
| Municipal bond rate*                           | 4.13%                       |
| Last year ending August 31 in the 2016 to 2116 |                             |
| projection period (100 years)                  | 2122                        |
| Inflation                                      | 2.30%                       |
| Salary increases including inflation           | 2.95% to 8.95%              |
| Payroll growth rate                            | 2.90%                       |
| Benefit changes during the year                | None                        |
| Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes         | None                        |

<sup>\*</sup>Source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal Bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index."

\*The municipal bond rate used is 4.13% as of August 2023 (i.e., the rate closest to but not later than the Measurement Date). The source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal Bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index."

The actuarial methods and assumptions were selected by the Board of Trustees based on analysis and recommendations by the system's actuary. The Board of Trustees has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions used for the plan. The actuarial methods and assumptions were primarily based on a study of actual experience for the four years ending August 31, 2021 and were adopted in July 2022.

The actuarial assumptions and methods are the same as those used in the determination of the prior year's Net Position Liability.

Minor benefit revisions have been adopted since the prior valuation. These changes, which are not expected to significantly impact plan costs for FY2023, are provided for in the FY2023 Assumed Per Capita Health Benefit Costs.

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members and those

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of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the Legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 9.50% of payroll in fiscal year 2024 gradually increasing to 9.56% of payroll over the next several years. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00 percent. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the TRS' target asset allocation as of August 31, 2023, is summarized below:

|                              |            | Long-Term    | Expected        |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                              |            | Expected     | Contribution to |
|                              |            | Geometric    | Long-Term       |
|                              | Target     | Real Rate of | Portfolio       |
| Asset Class                  | Allocation | Return       | Returns         |
| Global Equity                |            |              |                 |
| U.S                          | 18.00%     | 4.0%         | 1.00%           |
| Non-U.S. developed           | 13.00%     | 4.50%        | 0.90%           |
| Emerging markets             | 9.00%      | 4.8%         | 0.70%           |
| Private equity               | 14.00%     | 7.0%         | 1.50%           |
| Stable Value                 |            |              |                 |
| Government bonds             | 16.00%     | 2.50%        | 0.50%           |
| Absolute return              | 0.00%      | 3.60%        | 0.00%           |
| Stable value hedge funds     | 5.00%      | 4.10%        | 0.20%           |
| Real Return                  |            |              |                 |
| Real assets                  | 15.00%     | 4.90%        | 1.10%           |
| Energy and natural resources | 6.00%      | 4.80%        | 0.40%           |
| Commodities                  | 0.00%      | 4.40%        | 0.00%           |
| Risk Parity                  |            |              |                 |
| Risk parity                  | 8.00%      | 4.50%        | 0.40%           |
| Asset Allocation Leverage    |            |              |                 |
| Cash                         | 2.00%      | 3.70%        | 0.00%           |
| Inflation Expectation        | 0.00%      | 0.00%        | 2.30%           |
| Volatility Drag              | 0.00%      | 0.00%        | (0.90%)         |
| Asset allocation leverage    | (6.00%)    | 4.40%        | (0.10%)         |
| Total                        | 100%       | 57.20%       | 8.00%           |

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# Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the Net Pension Liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used (7.00%) in measuring the Net Pension Liability.

|  | _  | 1% Decrease<br>(6.00%) | <br>Current Rate<br>(7.00%) | - <u>-</u> | 1% Increase<br>(8.00%) |
|--|----|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| College's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) | \$ | 9,217,341              | \$<br>6,165,217             | \$         | 3,627,374              |

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

As of August 31, 2024, the College reported a liability of \$6,165,217 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction in State pension support provided to the College. The amount recognized by the College as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the College were as follows:

| College's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability State's proportionate share that is associated with the College | \$<br><br>6,165,217<br>3,793,720 |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Total   | \$<br>9,958,937                  |

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

At the measurement date of August 31, 2023, the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0089753757%, a decrease of 0.000006777654% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the College recognized pension expense of \$572,819 and revenue of \$572,819 for support provided by the State. For the year ended August 31, 2023, the College recognized pension expense of \$346,185 and revenue of \$346,185 for support provided by the State.

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As of August 31, 2024, the College reported its proportion share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

|   |     | Deferred<br>Outflows of<br>Resources    |            | Deferred<br>Inflows of<br>Resources     |
|---|-----|---|------------|---|
| Difference between expected and actual economic   | _   |   | _          |   |
| experience  | \$  | 219,669                                 | \$         | 74,654                                  |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions  |     | 583,109                                 |            | 142,700                                 |
| Difference between projected and actual investment  |     |   |            |   |
| earnings  |     | 1,926,444                               |            | 1,029,255                               |
| Changes in proportion and difference between the employer's contribution and the proportionate share of |     | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |            | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| contributions   |     | 6,034                                   |            | 498.224                                 |
| Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement   |     | -,                                      |            | ,                                       |
| date  | _   | 454,936                                 | . <u>-</u> |   |
| Total   | \$_ | 3,190,192                               | \$_        | 1,744,833                               |

The net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense below as follows:

Pension

| Year ended August 31: | Expense<br>Amount |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2024                  | \$<br>636,843     |
| 2025                  | 51,613            |
| 2026                  | 626,080           |
| 2027                  | 144,579           |
| 2028                  | (13,756)          |
| Thereafter            | <u>-</u>          |
| Total                 | \$<br>1,445,359   |

# Optional Retirement Plan - Defined Contribution Plan

# Plan Description

Participation in the Optional Retirement Program is in lieu of participation in the Teacher Retirement System. The Optional Retirement Program provides for the purchase of annuity contracts and operates under the provisions of the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Sec. 67, and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C.

# **Funding Policy**

Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are established and amended by the Texas legislature. The percentages of participant salaries currently contributed by the state and each participant are 6.60% and 6.60% for 2023 and 2022. The College does not contribute to employees who participated in the Optional Retirement Program before September 1, 1995. Benefits fully vest after one year plus one day of employment. Because these are individual annuity contracts, the state has no additional or unfunded liability for this program. S.B. 1812, effective September 1, 2013, limits the amount of the state's contribution to 50% of eligible employees in the reporting College.

The College's retirement expense to the state was \$350,885 and \$339,862 for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

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The total payroll for all College employees was \$11,763,074 and \$11,444,086 for fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively. The total payroll for employees covered by the Teacher Retirement System was \$9,646,181 and \$9,242,644, and the total payroll for employees covered by the Optional Retirement Program was \$1,329,800 and \$1,457,819 for fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### **Note 13: Deferred Compensation Program**

College employees may elect to defer a portion of their earnings for income tax and investment purposes pursuant to authority granted in Government Code 609.001.

#### Note 14: Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

Certain health care and life insurance benefits for active employees are provided through an insurance company whose premiums are based on benefits paid during the previous year. The state recognizes the cost of providing these benefits by expending the annual insurance premiums. The state's total contributions for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$1,111,451 and \$1,185,720, respectively. The cost of providing those benefits for retirees is not separable from the cost of providing benefits for active employees.

### Note 15: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

# Plan Description

The College participates in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. The Texas Employees Group Benefits Program (GBP) is administered by the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS). The GBP provides certain post-employment health care, life, and dental insurance benefits to retired employees of participating universities, community colleges, and state agencies in accordance with Chapter 1551, Texas Insurance Code. Almost all employees may become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the state and retire with at least 10 years of service to eligible entities. Surviving spouses and dependents of these retirees are also covered. Benefit and contribution provisions of the GBP are authorized by state law and may be amended by the Texas Legislature.

# OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the GBP's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which includes financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and required supplementary information.

That report may be obtained on the internet at https://ers.texas.gov/About-ERS/reports-and-studies/reports-on-overall-ers-operations-and-financial-ma/2023-acfr or by writing to ERS at 200 East 18th Street, Austin, Texas 78701; or by calling (877) 275-4377.

### Benefits Provided

Retiree health benefits offered through the GBP are available to most State of Texas retirees and their eligible dependents. Participants need at least ten years of service credit with an agency or institution participating in the GBP to be eligible for GBP retiree insurance. The GBP provides self-funded group health (medical and prescription drug) benefits for eligible retirees under HealthSelect. The GBP also provides a fully insured medical benefit option for Medicare-primary participants under the HealthSelect Medicare Advantage Plan and life insurance benefits to eligible retirees via a minimum premium funding arrangement. The authority under which the obligations of the plan members and employers are established and/or may be amended is Chapter 1551, Texas Insurance Code.

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#### Contributions

Section 1551.055 of Chapter 1551, Texas Insurance Code, provides that contribution requirements of the plan members and the participating employers are established and may be amended by the ERS Board of Trustees. The employer and member contribution rates are determined annually by the ERS Board of Trustees based on the recommendations of ERS staff and its consulting actuary. The contribution rates are determined based on (i) the benefit and administrative costs expected to be incurred, (ii) the funds appropriated, and (iii) the funding policy established by the Texas Legislature in connection with benefits provided through the GBP. The Trustees revise benefits when necessary to match expected benefits and administrative costs with the revenue expected to be generated by the appropriated funds.

The following table summarizes the maximum monthly employer contribution toward eligible retirees' health and basic life premiums. Retirees pay any premium over and above the employer contribution. The employer does not contribute toward dental or optional life insurance. Surviving spouses and their dependents do not receive any employer contribution. As the non-employer contributing entity (NECE), the State of Texas pays part of the premiums for the junior and community colleges.

# Maximum Monthly Employer Contribution Retiree Health and Basic Life Premium Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2024 and 2023

|                    | <br>2024       | <br>2023       |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Retiree only       | \$<br>624.82   | \$<br>624.82   |
| Retiree & spouse   | \$<br>1,340.82 | \$<br>1,339.90 |
| Retiree & children | \$<br>1,104.22 | \$<br>1,103.58 |
| Retiree & family   | \$<br>1,820.22 | \$<br>1,818.66 |

Contributions of premiums to the GBP plan for the current and prior fiscal year by source is summarized in the following table.

#### Premium Contributions by Source

# Group Benefits Program Plan For the Years Ended August 31, 2024 and 2023

|   |        | 2024        | _  | 2023        |
|---|--------|-------------|----|-------------|
| Employers   | \$     | 801,018,586 | \$ | 699,999,453 |
| Members (Employees)                               | \$     | 181,951,869 | \$ | 190,659,955 |
| Nonemployer contributing entity (State of Texas)  | \$     | 42,250,455  | \$ | 36,750,724  |
| Source: ERS 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial I | Report | <u> </u>    |    |             |

### Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions:

| Valuation date  | August 31, 2023                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Actuarial cost method                                 | Entry Age                      |
| Amortization method                                   | Level Percent of payroll, open |
| Remaining amortization period                         | 30 years                       |
| Asset valuation method                                | N/A                            |
| Discount rate   | 3.81%                          |
| Projected annual salary increase (includes inflation) | 2.30% to 8.95%                 |
| Annual healthcare trend rate                          |                                |

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HealthSelect

5.60% for 2025, 5.30% for 2026, 5.00% for 2027, 4.75% for 2028, 4.60% for 2029, decreasing 10 basis points per year to an ultimate rate of 4.30%

for 2032 and later years

HealthSelect Medicare Advantage 16.40% for 2025, 8.40% for 2026, 5.00% for

2027, 4.75% for 2028, 4.60% for 2029, decreasing 10 basis points per year to an ultimate rate of 4.30% for 2032 and later years

10% for 2025 and 2026, decreasing 100 basis points per year to an ultimate rate of 5% for 2031

and 4.3% for 2032 and later years

2.30%

None

Pharmacy

Inflation assumption rate

Ad hoc postemployment benefit changes

Mortality assumptions:

Service retirees, survivors, and other inactive members

Disability retirees

Tables based on TRS experience Ultimate MP Projection Scale from year 2021.

Tables based on TRS experience with Ultimate MP Projection Scale from the year 2021 using a 3-year set forward and minimum mortality rates of four per 100 male members and two per 100

female members.

Sex Distinct Pub-2010 Amount-Weighted Below-Median Income Teacher Mortality with a 2-year set forward for males with Ultimate MP Projection Scale from the year 2010.

Active members

Source: ERS 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Many of the actuarial assumptions used in this valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies performed by the ERS retirement plan actuary as of August 31, 2023 and the TRS retirement plan actuary as of August 31, 2023.

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation - Changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected the measurement of the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement period were as follows:

- The percentage of current retirees and retiree spouses not vet eligible to participate in the HealthSelect Medicare Advantage Plan and retiree spouses who will elect to participate in the plan at the earliest date at which coverage can commence.
- The proportion of future retirees assumed to cover dependent children.
- The proportion of future retirees assumed to elect health coverage at retirement and proportions of future retirees expected to receive the Opt-Out Credit at retirement.
- The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute fee payable under the Affordable Care Act and the rate of future increases in the fee have been updated to reflect recent plan experience and expected trends.
- Assumed Per Capita Health Benefit Costs and Health Benefit Cost and Retiree Contribution trends have been updated since the previous valuation to reflect recent health plan experience and its effects on our short-term expectations.
- The discount rate assumption was changed from 3.59% to 3.81% as a result of requirements by GASB No. 74 to utilize the yield or index rate for 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation bonds rated AA/Aa (or equivalent) or higher in effect on the measurement date.

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# Investment Policy

The State Retiree Health Plan is a pay-as-you-go plan and does not accumulate funds before retirement. The System's Board of Trustees adopted an amendment to the investment policy in August 2022 to require that all funds in the plan be invested in cash and equivalent securities.

#### Discount Rate

Because the State Retiree Health Plan does not accumulate funds in advance of retirement, the discount rate that was used to measure the total OPEB liability is the municipal bond rate. The discount rate was changed from 3.59% as of August 31, 2022 to 3.81% as of August 31, 2023 as a result of requirements by GASB No. 74 to utilize the yield or index rate for 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds rated AA/Aa (or equivalent) or higher in effect on the measurement date.

#### Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedules show the impact of the College's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability if the discount rate used was 1 percent less than and 1 percent greater than the discount rate that was used (3.59%) in measuring the net OPEB liability.

|   |    | 1% Decrease | ase Current Rate |            | 1% Increase      |
|---|----|-------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
|   | _  | (2.81%)     |                  | (3.81%)    | <br>(4.81%)      |
| College's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) | \$ | 14,745,741  | \$               | 12,707,942 | \$<br>11,068,888 |

### Healthcare Trend Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The initial healthcare trend rate is 5.60%, and the ultimate rate is 4.30%. The following schedule shows the impact of the college's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability if the healthcare cost trend rate used was 1 percent less than 1 percent greater than the healthcare cost trend rate that was used (5.60%) in measuring the net OPEB liability.

|   | _  | 1% Decrease in<br>Healthcare Cost<br>Trend Rates<br>4.60%<br>decreasing to<br>3.30% | _  | Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates 5.60% decreasing to 4.30% | <br>1% Increase in<br>Healthcare Cost<br>Trend Rates<br>6.60%<br>decreasing to<br>5.30% |
|---|----|---|----|---|---|
| College's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) | \$ | 10,930,596  | \$ | 12,707,942  | \$<br>14,965,180  |

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resourced Related to OPEB

As of August 31, 2024, the College reported a liability of \$12,707,942 for its proportionate share of the ERS's net OPEB liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State support provided to the College for OPEB. The amount recognized by the College as its proportion-ate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the College were as follows:

| College's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability | \$<br>12,707,942 |
|--|------------------|
| State's proportionate share that is associated with the college    | 10,622,964       |
| Total  | \$<br>23,330,906 |

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The net OPEB liability was measured as of August 31, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the employer's contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

At the measurement date of August 31, 2023, the College's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was .04756406%, which is a decrease of .00317987% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the College recognized OPEB expense of \$1,419,016 and revenue of \$315,257 for the support provided by the State.

As of August 31, 2024, the College reported its proportionate share of the ERS plan's collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB from the following sources:

|  |     | Deferred<br>Outflows of<br>Resources |     | Deferred<br>Inflows of<br>Resources |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual economic            | Φ_  |                                      | Φ_  | 220.420                             |
| experience   | \$  | -                                    | \$  | 336,132                             |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions                           |     | 423,923                              |     | 3,968,860                           |
| Difference between projected and actual investment         |     |                                      |     |                                     |
| earnings   |     | 1,027                                |     | -                                   |
| Effect of change in proportion and contribution difference |     | 587,508                              |     | 1,976,149                           |
| Contributions paid subsequent to the measurement date      |     | 283,648                              |     |                                     |
|  |     |                                      |     |                                     |
| Total  | \$_ | 1,296,106                            | \$_ | 6,281,141                           |

The net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense below as follows:

| Year ended August 31: | OPEB Expense<br>Amount |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                       |                        |
| 2025                  | (991,804)              |
| 2026                  | (1,359,697)            |
| 2027                  | (1,422,616)            |
| 2028                  | (992,305)              |
| 2029                  | (218,613)              |
| Thereafter            |                        |
| Total                 | \$ (4,985,035)         |

# Note 16: Contract and Grant Awards

Contracts and grant awards are accounted for in accordance with the requirements of the AICPA Industry Audit Guide, Audits of Colleges and Universities. Revenues are recognized on Exhibit 2 and Schedule A. For grant awards, funds expended, but not collected, are reported as accounts receivable on Exhibit 1. See **Note 6** for disaggregation of amounts included in accounts receivable. Grant awards received but not expended are included in deferred revenues on Exhibit 1. Contract and grant awards that are not yet funded and for which the institution has not yet performed services are not included in the financial statements.

Contract and grant awards are accounted for in accordance with requirements of the AICPA Industry Audit Guide, Audits of Colleges and Universities. Revenues are recognized on Exhibit 2 and Schedule A. For federal contract and grant awards, funds expended, but not collected, are reported as Federal Receivables on Exhibit 1. Non-federal contracts and grant awards for which funds are expended, but not collected, are reported as Accounts Receivable on Exhibit 1. Contract and grant awards that are not yet funded and for

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which the institution has not yet performed services are not included in the financial statements. Contract and grant awards funds already committed, e.g., multi-year awards, or funds awarded during fiscal years 2024 and 2023 for which monies have not been received nor funds expended totaled \$0 and \$0.

# Note 17: Risk Management

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2024, the College purchased commercial insurance to cover general liabilities. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to liability, property, and errors and omissions. These exposures to loss are handled by commercial insurance. The College has self-insured arrangements for coverage in the areas of unemployment compensation and workers' compensation. Unemployment compensation is on a pay-as-you-go basis, and workers' compensation is handled by a risk management fund that specializes in handling college and school College workers' compensation claims. Accrued liabilities are generally based on actuarial valuation and represent the present value of unpaid expected claims. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage.

## Note 18: Commitment and Contingencies

#### Grants

The College participates in grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the College has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable may be impaired. In the opinion of the College, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying basic financial statements for such contingencies.

# Note 19: Concentration - Title IV HEA Funding

For the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, the College received approximately 18.0% and 18.1%, respectively, of its total revenues (operating and non-operating) from federal Title IV HEA grants. In addition, \$3,327,066 and \$3,740,016 of Title IV student loans were used by students to pay for tuition, fees, and other costs included in the College's revenues for the years ending August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Altogether, these grants and loans directly contribute to more than 31% of the College's total annual revenue. A loss or significant reduction in these grants and loans would have a material adverse effect on the College's operations and financial position.

# Note 20: Tax Abatement

On June 17, 2015, the College's Board of Trustees approved a tax abatement agreement with Electra Wind, LLC pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended, i.e., the Texas Economic Development Act.

According to the Agreement, the Company was to invest between \$250,000,000 and \$350,000,000 in renewable electric energy production (a wind farm). The College agreed to abate 100% of applicable taxes for a ten (10) year period beginning January 1 of the year after commencement of commercial operations. In exchange, the Company agreed to make Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) equal to one thousand

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dollars (\$1,000) per megawatt of Turbine Nameplate Capacity for the first four (4) years and one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per megawatt of Turbine Nameplate Capacity for years five (5) through ten (10).

In November 2020, the College's Board of Trustees approved a tax abatement agreement with Adams Creek Solar Project, LLC pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended, i.e., the Texas Economic Development Act. The tax abatement agreement is expected to begin for the 2023 tax year when the project has become commercially operational. The capacity of the solar project is expected to be 250 megawatts but the Certified Appraised Value has not been determined. The expected abatement will be 100% of the to be determined appraised value for 10 years with annual PILOT payments of \$560 per MW of nameplate Capacity starting when operational.

In February 2021, the College's Board of Trustees approved a tax abatement agreement with Tyson pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended, i.e., the Texas Economic Development Act. The tax abatement agreement is expected to begin for the 2022 tax year. The expected investments of \$211,712,252 will be 100% abated with anticipated PILOT payments starting when investment is completed.

In January 2023, the College's Board of Trustees approved a tax abatement agreement with Hasanour Investments, LLC pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended, i.e., the Texas Economic Development Act. The College agreed to abate applicable taxes over a five (5) year period beginning February 1, 2023.

In November 2023, the College's Board of Trustees approved a tax abatement agreement with Crusoe Energy Systems, LLC. The College agreed to abate applicable taxes over a three (3) year period beginning January 1 of the first calendar year after the project begins. The tax abatement is expected to begin for the 2026 tax year.

In June 2024, the College's Board of Trustees approved a tax abatement agreement with Blue Summit II Storage, LLC. The tax abatement is expected to begin for the 2026 tax year.

# Note 21: Liquidity and Availability – Foundation

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following as of August 31:

|  | <br>2024                  |    | 2023                 |
|--|---------------------------|----|----------------------|
| Financial assets: Cash and cash equivalents Investments                                | \$<br>76,925<br>6,050,626 | \$ | 128,548<br>5,354,787 |
| Total Financial assets   | 6,127,551                 |    | 5,483,335            |
| Less:<br>Donor restricted net assets   | <br>(5,858,131)           | _  | (5,258,110)          |
| Financial assets available within one year to meet cash needs for general expenditures | \$<br>269,420             | \$ | 225,225              |

The Foundation's liquidity goal is to maintain financial assets at a sufficient level to cover operating expenses (other than scholarships) for a full year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 22: Endowments and Other Donor Restricted Net Assets – Foundation

The Foundation's Board of Directors has interpreted the Texas Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the date of the donor-restricted endowment funds unless there are explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no such donor stipulations. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation retains in perpetuity (a) the original value of initial and subsequent gift amounts donated to the Endowment and (b) any accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added. Donor restricted amounts not retained in perpetuity are subject to appropriation for expenditure in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor restricted endowment funds:

- 1. The duration and preservation of the fund,
- 2. The purposes of the Foundation and the donor restricted endowment fund,
- 3. General economic conditions,
- 4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation,
- 5. The expected total return from income and appreciation of the investments,
- 6. Other resources of the Foundation, and
- 7. The investment policies of the Foundation.

Changes in endowment net assets consist of the following as of August 31:

|   | 2024            | <br>2023        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Endowment net assets, beginning of year | \$<br>5,204,905 | \$<br>5,042,026 |
| Contributions                           | 78,897          | <br>162,879     |
| Endowment net assets, end of year       | \$<br>5,283,802 | \$<br>5,204,905 |

The Foundation considers a fund to be underwater if the fair value of the fund is less than the sum of (a) the original value of initial and subsequent gift amounts donated to the fund and (b) any accumulations to the fund that are required to be maintained in perpetuity in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument. The Foundation has interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater funds in accordance with the prudent measures required under the law.

Funds with Deficiencies: From time to time, certain donor restricted and quasi-endowment funds may have fair values less than the amount required to be maintained by donors or by law (underwater endowments). The organization has interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater endowments in accordance with prudent measures required under the law.

There were no endowments considered to be underwater as of August 31, 2024 and 2023.

The remaining net assets with restrictions balance totaling \$574,329 as of August 31, 2024, represent amounts restricted for a specific purpose.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

# Note 23: Expenses by Nature and Function – Foundation

The table below presents expenses by both their nature and their function for the year ended August 31, 2024.

|                    | _   | Program<br>Services | <br>Management and General | . <u>-</u> | Fundraising | _   | Total   |
|--------------------|-----|---------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|-----|---------|
| Scholarships       | \$  | 333,954             | \$<br>-                    | \$         | -           | \$  | 333,954 |
| Departmental grant |     | 100,159             | -                          |            | -           |     | 100,159 |
| Other expenses     | _   | -                   | <br>20,914                 | _          | -           | _   | 20,914  |
|                    | \$_ | 434,113             | \$<br>20,914               | \$         | -           | \$_ | 455,027 |

The table below presents expenses by both their nature and their function for the year ended August 31, 2023.

|  | <del>-</del> | Program<br>Services | <br>Management and General | · - | Fundraising | _   | Total                       |
|--|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Scholarships<br>Departmental grant<br>Other expenses | \$           | 314,554<br>16,052   | \$<br>-<br>-<br>22,101     | \$  | -<br>-<br>- | \$_ | 314,554<br>16,052<br>22,101 |
|  | \$_          | 330,606             | \$<br>22,101               | \$  |             | \$_ | 352,707                     |

# Note 24: Pending Lawsuits and Claims

None as of the report date.

#### Note 25: New Pronouncements

#### Adopted

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62, which enhances accounting and financial reporting requirements and accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The College adopted this standard in fiscal year 2024. Adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

#### Not adopted

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, which updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences by aligning it under a unified model and amending certain previously required disclosures. This statement's requirements are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The College is evaluating the impact, if any, of adopting these statements on its financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

# Note 26: Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 10, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available for distribution.

# Note 27: Prior Period Adjustment

Subsequent to the issuance of the audit report for the period ended August 31, 2023, the need was identified for a prior period adjustment that would impact net assets. This prior period adjustment includes revenue transactions that were posted in the current year when they should have been posted in the prior year.

The following table illustrates the impact of the prior period adjustment:

|  |                       |    | Increase (Decrease) | )  |                   |
|--|-----------------------|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
|  | Before Prior          |    | After Prior Period  |    | Impact of Prior   |
| 8/31/2023                              | <br>Period Adjustment | _  | Adjustment          |    | Period Adjustment |
| Net Loss<br>Net Loss                   | \$<br>(335,302)       | \$ | (184,642)           | \$ | 150,660           |
| Net Assets:<br>Unrestricted net assets | 1,693,037             |    | 1,843,697           |    | 150,660           |



# VERNON COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF COLLEGE'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 $^{\star}$ EXHIBIT 4

| Fiscal Year Ending August 31, *  | 2023**                          | 2022**                    | 2021**                    | 2020**                    | 2019**                    | 2018**                    | 2017**                    | 2016**                    | 2015**                 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| College's proportionate share of collective net pension liability (%)  | 0.0096531                       | 0.0097611                 | 0.0010443                 | 0.0010443                 | 0.0107365                 | 0.0107374                 | 0.0105564                 | 0.0105923                 | 0.0107538              |
| College's proportionate share of collective net pension liability (\$)   | \$<br>6,165,217 \$              | 5,730,822 \$              | 2,485,807 \$              | 5,592,992 \$              | 5,581,162 \$              | 5,910,144 \$              | 3,375,366 \$              | 4,002,670 \$              | 3,801,335              |
| State's proportional share of net pension liability associated with College Total  | \$<br>3,793,720<br>9,958,937 \$ | 3,621,607<br>9,352,429 \$ | 1,639,750<br>4,125,557 \$ | 3,484,680<br>9,077,672 \$ | 3,400,502<br>8,981,664 \$ | 3,716,076<br>9,626,220 \$ | 2,236,388<br>5,611,754 \$ | 2,800,729<br>6,803,399 \$ | 2,675,276<br>6,476,611 |
| College's covered payroll  | \$<br>9,323,724 \$              | 9,504,161 \$              | 9,216,307 \$              | 9,340,320 \$              | 8,999,503 \$              | 8,732,607 \$              | 8,314,648 \$              | 8,363,407 \$              | 7,957,060              |
| College's proportionate share of collective net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll  Plan fiduciary net position as percentage of total pension liability | 66.12%<br>73.15%                | 60.30%<br>75.62%          | 26.97%<br>88.79%          | 59.88%<br>75.54%          | 62.02%<br>75.24%          | 67.68%<br>73.74%          | 40.60%<br>82.17%          | 47.86%<br>78.00%          | 47.77%<br>78.43%       |

<sup>\*</sup>The amounts presented above are as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability for the respective fiscal year.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

# VERNON COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF COLLEGE'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PENSIONS LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS EXHIBIT 5

| Fiscal Year Ending August 31, *                     | 2024                     | 20     | 023                   | 2022               | 2021                  | 2020                  |    | 2019                  | 2018               | 2017                  | 2016         | 2015                  |
|---|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Legally required contributions Actual contributions | \$<br>454,936<br>454,936 |        | 441,777 \$<br>441,777 | 422,600<br>422,600 | \$ 414,014<br>414,014 | \$ 421,110<br>421,110 |    | 368,540 \$<br>368,540 | 345,309<br>345,309 | \$ 344,940<br>344,940 |              | \$ 314,702<br>314,702 |
| Contributions deficiency (excess)                   | \$<br><u>-</u>           | \$     | - \$                  |                    | \$ -                  | \$ -                  | \$ | - \$                  | -                  | \$ -                  | \$ -         | \$ -                  |
| College's covered payroll amount                    | \$<br>9,605,369          | \$ 9,3 | 323,724 \$            | 9,504,161          | \$ 9,216,307          | \$ 9,340,320          | \$ | 8,999,503 \$          | 8,732,607          | \$ 8,314,648          | \$ 8,363,407 | \$ 7,957,060          |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll    | 4.74%                    |        | 4.74%                 | 4.45%              | 4.49%                 | 4.51%                 | 6  | 4.10%                 | 3.95%              | 4.15%                 | 3.94%        | 3.96%                 |

<sup>\*</sup>The amounts presented above are as of the College's respective fiscal year-end.

# VERNON COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF COLLEGE'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 EXHIBIT 6

| Fiscal Year Ending August 31, *  | 2023**                            | 2022**                      | 2021**                      | 2020**                      | 2019**                   | 2018**                      |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| College's proportionate share of collective net OPEB liability (%)   | 0.04756406                        | 0.05074393                  | 0.0529316                   | 0.0536895                   | 0.0478955                | 0.0504671                   |
| College's proportionate share of collective net OPEB liability (\$)  | \$<br>12,707,942 \$               | 14,455,406 \$               | 18,989,480 \$               | 17,741,504 \$               | 16,553,952               | \$ 14,957,312               |
| State's proportional share of net OPEB liability associated with College (\$)  Total   | \$<br>10,622,964<br>23,330,906 \$ | 11,455,548<br>25,910,954 \$ | 13,499,307<br>32,488,787 \$ | 12,431,324<br>30,172,828 \$ | 14,713,835<br>31,267,787 | 12,357,587<br>\$ 27,314,899 |
| College's covered payroll  | \$<br>10,700,463 \$               | 10,582,382 \$               | 9,216,307 \$                | 9,340,320 \$                | 8,999,503                | \$ 8,732,607                |
| College's proportionate share of collective net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll  Plan fiduciary net position as percentage of total OPEB liability | 118.76%<br>0.63%                  | 136.60%<br>0.57%            | 206.04%<br>0.38%            | 189.95%<br>0.32%            | 183.94%<br>1.27%         | 171.28%<br>2.04%            |

<sup>\*</sup>The amounts presented above are as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability for the respective fiscal year.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

# VERNON COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF COLLEGE'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OPEB FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 EXHIBIT 7

| Fiscal Year Ending August 31, *                     | 2024**                   | 2023**                   | 2022**                   | 2021**                   | 2020**                   | :    | 2019**             | 2018**                   |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Legally required contributions Actual contributions | \$<br>283,648<br>283,648 | \$<br>287,797<br>287,797 | \$<br>241,873<br>241,873 | \$<br>260,326<br>260,326 | \$<br>260,326<br>260,326 | \$   | 134,080<br>134,080 | \$<br>325,000<br>325,000 |
| Contributions deficiency (excess)                   | \$<br>-                  | \$<br>                   | \$<br>-                  | \$<br>_                  | \$<br>                   | \$   | -                  | \$<br>                   |
| College's covered payroll amount                    | \$<br>10,975,981         | \$<br>10,700,463         | \$<br>10,582,382         | \$<br>9,216,307          | \$<br>9,340,320          | \$ 8 | 3,999,503          | \$<br>8,732,607          |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll    | 2.58%                    | 2.69%                    | 2.29%                    | 2.82%                    | 2.79%                    |      | 1.49%              | 3.72%                    |

<sup>\*</sup>The amounts presented above are as of the College's respective fiscal year-end.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.



# VERNON COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 (WITH MEMORANDUM TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023) SCHEDULE A

|  |              |    |            |     | Total        |                 |             | 7            | otals | ;            |
|--|--------------|----|------------|-----|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|--------------|
|  |              |    |            |     | Educational  | Auxiliary       |             | Fiscal Year  |       | Fiscal Year  |
|  | Unrestricted | F  | Restricted | _   | Activities   | <br>Enterprises |             | 2024         | _     | 2023         |
| Tuition                                      |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             |              |       |              |
| State-funded courses                         |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             |              |       |              |
| In-district resident tuition                 | 278,751      | \$ | -          | \$  | 278,751      | \$<br>-         | \$          | 278,751      | \$    | 281,726      |
| Out-of-district resident tuition             | 3,462,904    |    | -          |     | 3,462,904    | -               |             | 3,462,904    |       | 3,625,535    |
| Non-resident tuition                         | 152,039      |    | -          |     | 152,039      | -               |             | 152,039      |       | 76,637       |
| TPEG - credit (set aside)*                   | -            |    | 144,979    |     | 144,979      | -               |             | 144,979      |       | 68,522       |
| State funded continuing education            | 357,492      |    | -          |     | 357,492      | -               |             | 357,492      |       | 795,926      |
| TPEG - non-credit (set aside)*               | -            |    | -          |     | -            | -               |             | -            |       | -            |
| Non-state funded educational programs        | 2,722        |    | -          | _   | 2,722        | <br>-           |             | 2,722        | _     | 112,105      |
| Total Tuition                                | 4,253,908    |    | 144,979    | _   | 4,398,887    | -               |             | 4,398,887    | _     | 4,960,451    |
|  |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             |              |       |              |
| Fees   |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             |              |       |              |
| General fee                                  | 6,131,282    |    | -          |     | 6,131,282    | -               |             | 6,131,282    |       | 5,736,955    |
| Laboratory fees                              | 736,938      |    | -          | _   | 736,938      | <br>-           | _           | 736,938      |       | 752,996      |
| Total Fees                                   | 6,868,220    |    | -          | _   | 6,868,220    | <br>-           | _           | 6,868,220    |       | 6,489,951    |
| 0.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1      |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             |              |       |              |
| Scholarship Allowances and Discounts         | (4 000 000)  |    |            |     | (4 000 000)  |                 |             | (4.000.000)  |       | (4.000.547)  |
| Remissions and exemptions - state            | (1,629,200)  |    | -          |     | (1,629,200)  | -               |             | (1,629,200)  |       | (1,330,517)  |
| Title IV federal grants                      | (7,410,765)  |    | (4.44.070) |     | (7,410,765)  | -               |             | (7,410,765)  |       | (7,561,537)  |
| TPEG awards                                  | (4 000 040)  |    | (144,979)  |     | (144,979)    | -               |             | (144,979)    |       | (68,522)     |
| Other local awards                           | (1,263,210)  |    | (4.44.070) | _   | (1,263,210)  | <br>            | _           | (1,263,210)  |       | (1,801,470)  |
| Total Scholarship Allowances and Discounts   | (10,303,175) |    | (144,979)  | _   | (10,448,154) | <br>            | _           | (10,448,154) | -     | (10,762,046) |
| Total Net Tuition and Fees                   | 818,953      |    | <u>-</u>   | _   | 818,953      | <br>-           | _           | 818,953      |       | 688,356      |
| Other Operating Revenues                     |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             |              |       |              |
| Federal grants and contracts                 | _            |    | 315,611    |     | 315,611      | _               |             | 315,611      |       | 1,054,880    |
| State grants and contracts                   | _            |    | 573,157    |     | 573,157      | _               |             | 573,157      |       | 428,086      |
| Non-governmental grants and contracts        | _            |    | 1,203,356  |     | 1,203,356    | _               |             | 1,203,356    |       | 1,773,528    |
| Sales and services of educational activities | 59,607       |    | 1,203,330  |     | 59,607       | -               |             | 59,607       |       | 63,161       |
| Investment income (program restricted)       | 39,007       |    | 59,189     |     | 59,189       | -               |             | 59,189       |       | 35,351       |
| General operating revenues                   | 6,609        |    | 33,103     |     | 6,609        | _               |             | 6,609        |       | -            |
| Total Other Operating Revenues               | 66.216       |    | 2,151,313  | -   | 2,217,529    | <br><del></del> | -           | 2,217,529    |       | 3,355,006    |
| Total Other Operating November               |              |    | 2,101,010  | _   | 2,211,020    |                 | -           | 2,211,020    |       | 0,000,000    |
| Auxiliary Enterprises                        |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             |              |       |              |
| Residential life                             | -            |    | -          |     | -            | 503,423         |             | 503,423      |       | 485,860      |
| Bookstore                                    | -            |    | -          |     | -            | 73,009          |             | 73,009       |       | 73,365       |
| Student programs                             | -            |    | -          |     | -            | 89,622          |             | 89,622       |       | 71,677       |
| Total Net Auxiliary Enterprises              |              |    | -          | _   | -            | <br>666,054     | _           | 666,054      | _     | 630,902      |
| T.110 # 5                                    |              | _  |            | _   |              |                 | _           |              | _     |              |
| Total Operating Revenues                     | 885,169      | \$ | 2,151,313  | \$_ | 3,036,482    | \$<br>666,054   | <b>\$</b> _ | 3,702,536    | \$ =  | 4,674,264    |
|  |              |    |            |     |              |                 |             | (Exhibit 2)  |       | (Exhibit 2)  |

<sup>\* -</sup> In accordance with Education Code 56.033, \$144,979 and \$68,522 for years August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, of tuition was set aside for Texas Public Education Grants (TPEG).

# VERNON COLLEGE STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES BY OBJECT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 (WITH MEMORANDUM TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023) SCHEDULE B

|  |                     |          | Operatin    | д Ехре | enses   |    |                   | _  | T                   | otals | 3                   |
|--|---------------------|----------|-------------|--------|---------|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|-------|---------------------|
|  | Salaries<br>And Wag | _        | Be<br>State | nefits | Local   |    | Other<br>Expenses |    | Fiscal Year<br>2024 |       | Fiscal Year<br>2023 |
| Unrestricted - Educational and General                 |                     |          |             |        |         |    | ·                 | _  |                     | -     |                     |
| Instruction  | \$ 5,444            | 417 \$   | -           | \$     | 349,705 | \$ | 736,950           | \$ | 6,531,072           | \$    | 6,371,018           |
| Public service   | 189                 | ,574     | -           |        | 12,177  |    | 11,932            |    | 213,683             |       | 191,930             |
| Academic support                                       | 1,692               | 409      | -           |        | 108,707 |    | 633,193           |    | 2,434,309           |       | 2,469,542           |
| Student services                                       | 1,322               | 422      | -           |        | 84,942  |    | 241,941           |    | 1,649,305           |       | 1,600,753           |
| Institutional support                                  | 1,581               | ,217     | -           |        | 103,564 |    | 1,789,349         |    | 3,474,130           |       | 4,316,592           |
| Operation and maintenance of plant                     | 919                 | 644      | -           |        | 132,079 |    | 1,445,535         |    | 2,497,258           |       | 1,973,256           |
| Total Unrestricted                                     | 11,149              | ,683     | -           | _      | 791,174 |    | 4,858,900         |    | 16,799,757          | _     | 16,923,091          |
| Restricted - Educational and General                   |                     |          |             |        |         |    |                   |    |                     |       |                     |
| Instruction  | 1                   | .000     | 1,318,038   |        | -       |    | 398,055           |    | 1,717,093           |       | 1,810,568           |
| Public service   | 127                 | 866      | 54,514      |        | 20,967  |    | 109,274           |    | 312,621             |       | 305.990             |
| Academic support                                       |                     | -        | 409,694     |        | -       |    | -                 |    | 409,694             |       | 403,382             |
| Student services                                       |                     | -        | 320,129     |        | -       |    | -                 |    | 320,129             |       | 287,518             |
| Institutional support                                  |                     | -        | 543,387     |        | -       |    | -                 |    | 543,387             |       | 767,005             |
| Operation and maintenance of plant                     |                     | -        | , <u>-</u>  |        | -       |    | -                 |    | · -                 |       | · -                 |
| Scholarships and fellowships                           |                     | -        | -           |        | -       |    | 494,782           |    | 494,782             |       | 450,808             |
| Total Restricted                                       | 128                 | ,866     | 2,645,762   | _      | 20,967  |    | 1,002,111         |    | 3,797,706           | _     | 4,025,271           |
| Total Educational and General                          | 11,278              | ,549     | 2,645,762   |        | 812,141 | _  | 5,861,011         | _  | 20,597,463          |       | 20,948,362          |
| Auxiliary Enterprises                                  | 484                 | ,525     | -           |        | 129,775 |    | 1,009,048         |    | 1,623,348           |       | 1,465,919           |
| Depreciation expense - buildings and other real estate |                     | _        | -           |        | -       |    | 556,559           |    | 556,559             |       | 608,881             |
| Depreciation expense - equipment and furniture         |                     | <u> </u> | -           |        |         | _  | 883,058           | _  | 883,058             | _     | 796,517             |
| Total Operating Expenses                               | \$ 11,763           | ,074 \$  | 2,645,762   | \$     | 941,916 | \$ | 8,309,676         | \$ | 23,660,428          | \$    | 23,819,679          |
| -  |                     |          |             |        |         | _  |                   | _  | (Exhibit 2)         | -     | (Exhibit 2)         |

# VERNON COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF NON-OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 (WITH MEMORANDUM TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023) SCHEDULE C

|                                     |    |              |    |            |    |             |    | T           | otals | 3           |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------------|----|------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|-------|-------------|
|                                     |    |              |    |            |    | Auxiliary   |    | Fiscal Year |       | Fiscal Year |
|                                     | _  | Unrestricted | _  | Restricted | _  | Enterprises |    | 2024        | _     | 2023        |
| NON-OPERATING REVENUES:             |    |              |    |            |    |             |    |             |       |             |
| State Appropriations                |    |              |    |            |    |             |    |             |       |             |
| Education and general state support | \$ | 8,466,227    | \$ | -          | \$ | - :         | \$ | 8,466,227   | \$    | 5,758,854   |
| State group insurance               |    | -            |    | 754,046    |    | -           |    | 754,046     |       | 771,029     |
| State retirement matching           |    |              | _  | 350,885    | _  | -           |    | 350,885     | _     | 339,862     |
| Total State Appropriations          | _  | 8,466,227    | _  | 1,104,931  | _  |             | _  | 9,571,158   | _     | 6,869,745   |
| Maintenance ad valorem taxes        |    | 2,539,142    |    | -          |    | 1,128,248   |    | 3,667,390   |       | 3,733,967   |
| Federal revenue, non-operating      |    |              |    | 7,905,547  |    |             |    | 7,905,547   |       | 8,012,311   |
| Capital contracts, grants and gifts |    | -            |    | 196,565    |    | 73,124      |    | 269,689     |       | 272,133     |
| Gain on disposal of capital assets  |    | (37,321)     |    |            |    |             |    | (37,321)    |       | (28,813)    |
| Lease Income                        |    |              |    | 14,064     |    | -           |    | 14,064      |       | 19,607      |
| Investment income                   |    | 491,893      |    | 22,294     |    | -           |    | 514,187     |       | 287,622     |
| Total Non-Operating Revenues        | _  | 11,459,941   | _  | 9,243,401  | _  | 1,201,372   | _  | 21,904,714  | _     | 19,166,572  |
| NON-OPERATING EXPENSES:             |    |              |    |            |    |             |    |             |       |             |
| Operational costs of lease property |    | _            |    | 2,113      |    | _           |    | 2,113       |       | 3,270       |
| Amortization of bond issuance costs |    | _            |    | 34,259     |    | _           |    | 34,259      |       | 34,259      |
| Interest on capital related debt    |    | _            |    | 158,044    |    | _           |    | 158,044     |       | 168,270     |
| Total Non-Operating Expenses        | _  | -            | _  | 194,416    | _  | -           | _  | 194,416     |       | 205,799     |
| NET NON-OPERATING REVENUES          | \$ | 11,459,941   | \$ | 9,048,985  | \$ | 1,201,372   | \$ | 21,710,298  | \$    | 18,960,773  |
|                                     | _  | <u> </u>     | _  |            | =  | <u> </u>    | _  | (Exhibit 2) | =     | (Exhibit 2) |

# VERNON COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION BY SOURCE AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 (WITH MEMORANDUM TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023) SCHEDULE D

| _   |              |  |   |   |                |   |            |   |   | _  | Available for Cu  | ırrent  | Operations   |
|-----|--------------|--|---|---|----------------|---|------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
|     |              | _  | Rest  | trict                                       | ted            |   | -          |   |   |  |   |   |  |
| _   | Unrestricted |  | Expendable  |   | Non-Expendable |   |            |   | Total   |  | Yes   |   | No   |
|     |              | _  |   | _   |                | _   |            | _   |   | _  |   | _   |  |
| \$  | (11,503,493) | \$   |   | \$  |                | \$  |            | \$  | (11,503,493)  | \$   | (11,503,493)  | \$  |  |
|     |              |  |   |   |                |   |            |   |   |  |   |   |  |
|     | _            |  | _   |   | 1.352.707      |   |            |   | 1.352.707   |  |   |   | 1,352,707  |
|     |              |  |   |   | -,,            |   |            |   | -,,   |  |   |   | 1,000,000  |
| _   | -            | _  | <u>-</u>  | _   |                |   | 13,746,889 |   | 13,746,889  |  |   |   | 13,746,889   |
|     | (11,503,493) | _  | -   |   | 1,352,707      |   | 13,746,889 | -   | 3,596,103   |  | (11,503,493)  |   | 15,099,596   |
| _   | (12,709,572) | _  |   | _   | 1,320,221      |   | 13,233,048 | -   | 1,843,697   |  | (12,709,572)  |   | 14,553,269   |
| \$_ | 1,206,079    | \$_  |   | \$_   | 32,486         | \$  | 513,841    | \$  | ., ,  | \$_  | 1,206,079   | \$  | 546,327  |
|     | \$<br>\$     | \$ (11,503,493)<br>-<br>(11,503,493)<br>(12,709,572) | \$ (11,503,493) \$<br>-<br>(11,503,493)<br>(12,709,572) | Unrestricted Expendable  \$ (11,503,493) \$ | Restrict       | \$ (11,503,493) \$ \$ \\     \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc | Restricted | Restricted         Capital Assets Net of Depreciation and Related Debt           \$ (11,503,493)         \$         \$           -         -         1,352,707           -         -         13,746,889           (11,503,493)         -         1,352,707         13,746,889           (12,709,572)         -         1,320,221         13,233,048 | Unrestricted         Restricted         Capital Assets Net of Depreciation and Related Debt           \$ (11,503,493)         \$         \$         \$           -         -         1,352,707         -         13,746,889           (11,503,493)         -         1,352,707         13,746,889           (12,709,572)         -         1,320,221         13,233,048 | Restricted         Capital Assets Net of Depreciation and Related Debt           \$ (11,503,493)         \$         \$         \$ (11,503,493)           -         -         1,352,707         1,352,707           -         -         13,746,889         13,746,889           (11,503,493)         -         1,352,707         13,746,889         3,596,103           (12,709,572)         -         1,320,221         13,233,048         1,843,697           \$ 1,206,079         \$         -         \$ 32,486         \$ 513,841         \$ 1,752,406 | Non-Expendable   Non-Expendable   Capital Assets   Net of Depreciation and Related Debt   Total | Restricted         Capital Assets Net of Depreciation and Related Debt         Total         Yes           \$ (11,503,493)         \$         \$ (11,503,493)         \$ (11,503,493)         \$ (11,503,493)           -         -         1,352,707         1,352,707         1,352,707           -         -         1,352,707         13,746,889         13,746,889         13,746,889           (11,503,493)         -         1,352,707         13,746,889         3,596,103         (11,503,493)           (12,709,572)         -         1,320,221         13,233,048         1,843,697         (12,709,572)           \$         1,206,079         \$         -         \$ 32,486         \$ 513,841         \$ 1,752,406         \$ 1,206,079 | Restricted         Capital Assets Net of Depreciation and Related Debt         Total         Yes           \$ (11,503,493)         \$         \$         \$ (11,503,493) |

# VERNON COLLEGE Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2024 Schedule E

|   | Assistance  | Pass-Through  | Expe                   | Expenditures |                                   |
|---|---|---|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/   | Listing   | Grantor's   | Direct                 | Pass-Through | Total                             |
| Program Title   | Number  | Number  | Awards                 | Awards       | Expenditures                      |
| U.S. Department of Education Direct Programs: Student Financial Assistance Cluster  |   |   |                        |              |                                   |
| Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants<br>Federal Work-Study Program   | 84.007<br>84.033  | N/A<br>N/A  | 50,985                 | \$ - \$      | 50,985                            |
| Federal Pell Grant Program<br>Federal Direct Student Loans<br>Total Student Financial Aid Cluster   | 84.063<br>84.268  | N/A<br>N/A  | 4,405,746<br>3,327,066 | <u> </u>     | 4,405,746<br>3,327,066            |
| Passed Through From:  |   |   | 7,905,547              | -            | 7,905,547                         |
| Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Carl Perkins Vocational Education Annual Grant  | 84.048  | 94252   |                        | 225,405      | 225,405                           |
|   |   |   |                        |              | 225,405                           |
| Total U.S. Department of Education  |   |   |                        |              | 8,130,952                         |
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Passed Through From: Nortex Regional Planning Commission   |   |   |                        |              |                                   |
| Special Programs for the Aging - Title VII  | 93.041  | N/A   |                        | 90,206       | 90,206                            |
| Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  |   |   |                        |              | 90,206                            |
| Total Federal Financial Assistance  |   |   |                        | \$           | 8,221,158                         |
| Note 1: Federal Assistance Reconciliation Federal Grants and Contracts From Schedule A Federal Grants, Non-Operating From Schedule C Total Federal Revenues Per Schedule A and C  |   |   |                        | \$           | 315,611<br>7,905,547<br>8,221,158 |
| Direct Student Loans  |   |   |                        |              |                                   |
| Total Federal Revenues per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards   |   |   |                        | \$           | 8,221,158                         |
| Note 2: Significant accounting policies used in preparing the schedule. The expenditures included in the schedule are reported for the College's fiscal ye prepared on the award period basis. The expenditures reported above represent for the purposes of the award. The expenditures reported above may not have be end of the fiscal year. Some amounts reported in the schedule may differ from an purpose financial statements. Separate accounts are maintained for the different and restrictions imposed by the funding agencies. The College has followed all apreparation of the schedule. Since the College has an agency-approved Indirect if de minimis cost rate as permitted in the UG, section 200.414. | funds which have be<br>een reimbursed by the<br>nounts used in the pr<br>awards to aid in the<br>oplicable guidelines i | en expended by the Coll<br>e funding agencies as of<br>eparation of the general<br>observance of limitations<br>ssued by various entities | ege<br>the<br>in the   |              |                                   |
| Note 3: Student Loans Processed and Administrative Cost Recovery Federal Grantor CFDA Number/Program Name   |   |   |                        |              | Total Loans<br>Processed          |
| U.S Department of Education CFDA 84.268 Federal Direct Student Loans Total U.S. Department of Education (There were no administrative costs recovered and included in above amount)   |   |   |                        | \$           | ,,                                |

 $\underline{\mbox{Note 4: Pass through amounts included in program expenditures:}} \\ \mbox{None.}$ 

# Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2024 Schedule F

| Grantor Agency/Program Title  | Grant<br>Contract<br>Number |    | Expenditures |  |
|---|-----------------------------|----|--------------|--|
| Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board                               |                             |    |              |  |
| College Workstudy   | N/A                         | \$ | 10,294       |  |
| Texas Education Opportunities Grant                                     | N/A                         |    | 281,764      |  |
| TRUE Grant  | N/A                         |    | 6,099        |  |
| Jet Grant   | N/A                         |    | 135,435      |  |
| Texas Completion Repayment Grant  | 84.425C                     |    | 10,213       |  |
| Greater Texas Foundation Grant  | N/A                         |    | 25,484       |  |
| Nursing Grant (Regular)   | N/A                         |    | 32,131       |  |
| Nursing Grant (Under 70)  | N/A                         |    | 56,000       |  |
| Subtotal Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board                      |                             |    | 557,420      |  |
| Texas Department of Agriculture   |                             |    |              |  |
| Texans Feeding Texans   | N/A                         |    | 3,467        |  |
| Subtotal Texas Department of Agriculture                                |                             |    | 3,467        |  |
| Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts                                    |                             |    |              |  |
| Police Academy  | N/A                         |    | 11,770       |  |
| Subtotal Texas Comptroller of Public Account                            |                             |    | 11,770       |  |
| Texas Workforce Commission  |                             |    |              |  |
| Skills for Small Businesses   | 318SSD000                   |    | 500          |  |
| Subtotal Texas Department of Agriculture                                |                             |    | 500          |  |
| Total State Financial Assistance  |                             | \$ | 573,157      |  |
| Note 1: State Assistance Reconciliation                                 |                             |    |              |  |
| State Revenues - per Schedule A:  |                             | \$ | 573,157      |  |
| State Financial Assistance per Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards |                             | \$ | 573,157      |  |

# Note 2: Significant Accounting Policies Used in Preparing the Schedule

The accompanying schedule is presented using the accrual basis of accounting. See Note 2 to the financial statements for the College's significant accounting policies. These expenditures are reported on the College's fiscal year. Expenditure reports to funding agencies are prepared on the award period basis.





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December 10, 2024

To the Board of Trustees Vernon College Vernon, Texas

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, the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Vernon College, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Vernon College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 10, 2024.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Vernon 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 Vernon College's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Vernon 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 entity'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 Vernon College's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements (including the Public Funds Investment Act Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code), 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* or the Public Funds Investment Act.

# **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 entity's internal control or compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Certified Public Accountants

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December 10, 2024

To the Board of Trustees Vernon College Vernon, Texas

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Vernon College's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Vernon College's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2024. Vernon College's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Vernon College complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2024.

#### **Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Vernon College and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Vernon College's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Vernon College's federal programs.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error and express an opinion on Vernon College's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Vernon College's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- Exercise reasonable judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Vernon College's compliance with the compliance requirements
  referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the
  circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Vernon College's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit
  in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report
  on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the
  purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Vernon College's internal control over
  compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-001 and 2024-002. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on Vernon College's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Vernon College's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility

that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-001 and 2024-002, to be significant deficiencies.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on Vernon College's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Vernon College's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Certified Public Accountants

Condly and Company, L.L.P.

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

#### **SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness identified?

 Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?

Noncompliance material to financial statements? No

Federal Awards

Internal controls over major program:

Material weakness identified?

 Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes

Unmodified

None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program:

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

Identification of major program:

Assistance Listing Number (s) Name of Federal Program or Cluster

84.007, 84.033, 84.063, 84.268 Student Financial Aid Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type

A and Type B programs: \$750,000 (Federal)

Did the auditee qualify as a low-risk auditee? Yes

#### **SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

The results of our audit procedures disclosed no findings to be reported for the year ended August 31, 2024.

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

#### SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

#### A. Compliance Findings

2024-001

Program Name: Student Financial Aid Cluster

Assistance Listing Numbers/Names: 84.007 Federal SEOG

84.033 Federal Work Study 84.063 Federal Pell Grant 84.268 Federal Direct Loans U.S. Department of Education

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Education Compliance Requirement: Enrollment Reporting

Questioned Costs: Not applicable

Criteria: In accordance with CFR section 685.309(b)(2) "Unless it expects to submit its next updated enrollment report to the Secretary within the next 60 days, a school must notify the Secretary within 30 days after the date the school discovers that a loan under Title IV of the Act was made to or on behalf of a student who was enrolled or accepted for enrollment at the school, and the student has ceased to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis or failed to enroll on at least a half-time basis for the period for which the loan was intended."

Condition: We reviewed a sample of 62 students who received financial aid and had enrollment status changes during the fiscal year. Of the 62 students tested, 24 students did not have timely or proper status changes reported to the NSLDS. 11 of which have not been reported as withdrawn at all.

#### Population and Sample Size:

|                   |        |             | Questioned |
|-------------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| _                 | Number | <br>Dollars | <br>Cost   |
|                   |        |             |            |
| Population        | 2,167  | \$<br>N/A   | \$<br>N/A  |
| Sample            | 62     | N/A         | N/A        |
| Not in compliance | 24     | N/A         | None       |

Effect: A student's enrollment status determines eligibility for in-school status, deferment, and grace periods, as well as for the payment of interest subsidies all of which are negatively impacted by inaccurate and late reporting.

Cause: The College changed software systems in fiscal year 2024. Due to this change in systems, enrollment reports submitted to the NSLDS no longer contained any students who had withdrawn. The reports that were submitted showed all withdrawn students as still enrolled until the following semester when they no longer showed up as a current student. The college failed to review the reports prior to submission to the NSLDS to ensure withdrawn students were appropriately caught, resulting in enrollment statuses for students not being reported in a timely manner.

Recommendation: We recommend that the college work with Ellucian Colleague, the new software system, to update the system settings to track enrollment changes for students. We recommend management develop a report to generate that can be uploaded to the NSLDS with accurate enrollment statuses, as well as create an internal process of review to ensure that the reports are accurate before they are submitted to the NSLDS.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:

After consulting with other Texas higher education institutions, we have identified that the initial setup of our NSC reports should have included a set of rules. We have submitted an Actionline request to Ellucian Colleague requesting their assistance. We are doing everything to ensure the Fall 2024 report, and subsequent reports, accurately report enrollment statuses.

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

2024-002

Program Name: Student Financial Aid Cluster

Assistance Listing Numbers/Names: 84.007 Federal SEOG

84.033 Federal Work Study 84,063 Federal Pell Grant 84.268 Federal Direct Loans

U.S. Department of Education Federal Agency:

Disbursement Compliance Requirement: Questioned Costs: Not applicable

Criteria: In accordance with CFR sections 34 CFR § 668.164 and 34 CFR § 690.63, "Title IV funds, including Pell Grants, must be disbursed in a manner that aligns with the start of each academic term, ensuring that students have timely access to funds for educational expenses. Institutions are required to handle Pell Grant disbursements promptly to support students' needs within the academic term. Payments are distributed based on specific payment periods, typically aligned with semesters, quarters, or other designated terms. Funds must be available within the designated academic period to meet the financial needs of students effectively."

Condition: We reviewed a sample of 40 students who received financial aid and had enrollment status changes during the fiscal year. Of the 40 students tested, one student did not receive his Pell payment for the Fall 2023 term. The student did not receive his Pell payment until the end of the fall academic period resulting in a missed disbursement on behalf of the student. Disbursement was made later in the same fiscal year during a later term.

#### Population and Sample Size:

|   | Number           | <br>Dollars             | <br>Questioned<br>Cost   |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Population<br>Sample<br>Not in compliance | 1,907<br>40<br>1 | \$<br>N/A<br>N/A<br>N/A | \$<br>N/A<br>N/A<br>None |

Effect: The institution may be required to return funds to the Department of Education. This situation can create financial challenges for the institution and impact students who may no longer have access to those funds. Students may experience financial hardship if Pell Grants or other Title IV funds are not disbursed on time, leading to difficulties in paying tuition, fees, and other educational expenses. Such delays can potentially affect their academic performance or ability to continue their studies. Additionally, if an institution consistently fails to comply with federal regulations, it risks losing its eligibility to participate in federal financial aid programs, severely limiting the financial aid options available to its students.

Cause: The college received the student's 2023-24 ISIR on January 2, 2024, after the end of the fall 2023 semester. The student's fall aid was not paid out as the payment process at that time was only run for the Spring 2024 semester. The college found that the student's fall aid did not disburse during the summer of 2024 and disbursed the aid the student was eligible to receive for the fall semester.

Recommendation: We recommend that the college create an internal process of review to ensure that financial aid awards are disbursed in the semester that they are awarded.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: Beginning in Spring 2025, the Financial Aid Office will now run the ARGOs Report (Financial Aid Awards by Student) weekly prior to disbursements to find students who applied late in the academic year and need aid to disburse for the previous semester. The financial aid office will no longer need to rely on the processor to notify them when they are packaging aid.



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#### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 2024-001

Recommendation: We recommend that the college work with Ellucian Colleague, the new software system, to update the system settings to track enrollment changes for students. We recommend management develop a report to generate that can be uploaded to the NSLDS with accurate enrollment statuses, as well as create an internal process of review to ensure that the reports are accurate before they are submitted to the NSLDS.

Response: After consulting with other Texas higher education institutions, we have identified that the initial setup of our NSC reports should have included a set of rules. We have submitted an Actionline request to Ellucian Colleague requesting their assistance. We are doing everything to ensure the Fall 2024 report, and subsequent reports, accurately report enrollment statuses.

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#### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 2024-002

Recommendation: We recommend that the college create an internal process of review to ensure that financial aid awards are disbursed in the semester that they are awarded.

Response: Beginning in Spring 2025, the Financial Aid Office will now run the ARGOs Report (Financial Aid Awards by Student) weekly prior to disbursements to find students who applied late in the academic year and need aid to disburse for the previous semester. The financial aid office will no longer need to rely on the processor to notify them when they are packaging aid.

## <u>SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS</u> For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

Identifying number: 2023-001

Status: Management has implemented additional training measures and is in the process of strengthening its system regarding enrollment reporting.



#### Vernon College Statistical Supplement 1 Revenue by Source Fiscal Years 2020 to 2024 (Unaudited)

For the Years Ended August 31,

|   | 2024              | 2023              | 2022              | 2021              | 2020              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Revenues  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Tuition and fees (net of discounts)   | \$ 818,953        | \$ 688,356        | \$ 383,880        | \$ 4,562,063      | \$ 4,479,034      |
| Government grants and contracts:  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Federal grants and contracts  | 315,611           | 1,054,880         | 6,118,587         | 5,193,207         | 1,913,552         |
| State grants and contracts  | 573,157           | 428,086           | 692,937           | 239,349           | 277,455           |
| Non-governmental grants and contracts   | 1,203,356         | 1,773,528         | 1,210,089         | 1,275,234         | 1,242,411         |
| Sales and services of educational activities                                    | 59,607<br>59,189  | 63,161<br>35,351  | 60,273<br>2       | 59,502<br>33,904  | 65,149            |
| Investment income (program restricted) Auxiliary enterprises (net of discounts) | 666,054           | 630,902           | 610,667           | 457,281           | 34,182<br>489,320 |
| Other operating revenues  | 6,609             | 030,902           | 332,303           | 360,530           | 211,372           |
| Total Operating Revenues  | 3,702,536         | 4,674,264         | 9,408,738         | 12,181,070        | 8,712,475         |
|   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Non-Operating Revenues  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| State appropriations  | 9,571,158         | 6,869,744         | 7,131,914         | 6,823,796         | 6,944,773         |
| Ad valorem taxes  | 3,667,390         | 3,733,967         | 3,572,601         | 3,189,828         | 2,707,220         |
| Federal Revenue, Non-Operating  | 7,905,547         | 8,012,311         | 8,333,799         | 4,648,066         | 5,353,768         |
| Other non-operating income Lease income   | 269,689<br>14,064 | 272,133<br>19,607 | 291,436<br>20,431 | 235,413<br>22,158 | 265,448<br>8,234  |
| Investment income   | 514,187           | 287,622           | 245,770           | 176,082           | 133,520           |
| Total Non-Operating Revenues  | 21,942,035        | 19,195,384        | 19,595,951        | 15,095,343        | 15,412,963        |
| Total Non-Operating Nevenues  | 21,042,000        | 10,100,004        | 10,000,001        | 10,000,040        | 10,412,000        |
| Total Revenues  | \$ 25,644,571     | \$ 23,869,648     | \$ 29,004,689     | \$ 27,276,413     | \$ 24,125,438     |
|   |                   | For the           | Years Ended Aug   | gust 31,          |                   |
|   | 2024              | 2023              | 2022              | 2021              | 2020              |
| Operating Revenues  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Tuition and fees (net of discounts) Government grants and contracts:            | 3.19%             | 2.88%             | 1.32%             | 16.73%            | 18.57%            |
| Federal grants and contracts  | 1.23%             | 4.42%             | 21.10%            | 19.04%            | 7.93%             |
| State grants and contracts  | 2.24%             | 1.79%             | 2.39%             | 0.88%             | 1.15%             |
| Non-governmental grants and contracts   | 4.69%             | 7.43%             | 4.17%             | 4.68%             | 5.15%             |
| Sales and services of educational activities                                    | 0.23%             | 0.26%             | 0.21%             | 0.22%             | 0.27%             |
| Investment income (program restricted)  | 0.23%             | 0.15%             | 0.00%             | 0.12%             | 0.14%             |
| Auxiliary enterprises (net of discounts)  | 2.60%             | 2.64%             | 2.11%             | 1.68%             | 2.03%             |
| Other operating revenues  | 0.03%             | 0.00%             | 1.15%             | 1.32%             | 0.88%             |
| Total Operating Revenues  | 14.44%            | 19.58%            | 32.44%            | 44.66%            | 36.11%            |
| Non-Operating Revenues  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| State appropriations  | 37.32%            | 28.78%            | 24.59%            | 25.02%            | 28.79%            |
| Ad valorem taxes  | 14.30%            | 15.64%            | 12.32%            | 11.69%            | 11.22%            |
| Federal Title IV grant revenue  | 30.83%            | 33.57%            | 28.73%            | 17.04%            | 22.19%            |
| Capital contracts, grants and gifts   | 1.05%             | 1.14%             | 1.00%             | 0.86%             | 1.10%             |
| Lease income  | 0.05%             | 0.08%             | 0.07%             | 0.08%             | 0.03%             |
| Investment income   | 2.01%             | 1.20%             | 0.85%             | 0.65%             | 0.55%             |
| Total Non-Operating Revenues  | 85.56%            | 80.42%            | 67.56%            | 55.34%            | 63.89%            |
| Total Revenues  | 100.00%           | 100.00%           | 100.00%           | 100.00%           | 100.00%           |

#### Vernon College Statistical Supplement 2 Program Expenses by Function Fiscal Years 2020 to 2024 (Unaudited)

|   | For the Years Ended August 31, |               |                  |               |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|   | 2024                           | 2023          | 2022             | 2021          | 2020          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Expenses                        |                                |               |                  |               |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Instruction                               | \$ 8,248,165                   | \$ 8,181,586  | \$ 8,673,954     | \$ 6,122,398  | \$ 9,170,479  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public service                            | 526,304                        | 497,920       | 496,072          | 481,174       | 519,018       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic support                          | 2,844,003                      | 2,872,924     | 2,678,448        | 2,343,332     | 2,692,290     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student services                          | 1,969,434                      | 1,888,271     | 1,952,581        | 2,290,553     | 2,677,401     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Institutional support                     | 4,017,517                      | 5,083,597     | 5,572,426        | 7,922,636     | 4,533,192     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operation and maintenance of plant        | 2,497,258                      | 1,973,256     | 2,226,139        | 2,077,771     | 2,211,221     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarship and fellowships               | 494,782                        | 450,808       | 3,495,834        | 1,012,230     | 801,450       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Auxiliary enterprises                     | 1,623,348                      | 1,465,919     | 1,511,496        | 1,359,808     | 1,226,928     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation                              | 1,439,617                      | 1,405,398     | 913,981          | 945,477       | 939,265       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Operating Expenses                  | 23,660,428                     | 23,819,679    | 27,520,931       | 24,555,379    | 24,771,244    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Operating Expenses                    |                                |               |                  |               |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operational costs of leased property      | 2,113                          | 3,270         | 2,885            | 2,739         | 2,467         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amortization of bond issuance costs       | 34,259                         | 34,259        | 34,259           | 47,692        | 47,692        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loss on disposal of assets                | 37,321                         | 28,813        | 67,064           | 6,800         | 13,016        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest and fees on capital related debt | 158,044                        | 168,270       | 145,279          | 164,975       | 189,241       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Non-Operating Expenses              | 231,737                        | 234,612       | 249,487          | 222,206       | 252,416       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Expenses                            | \$ 23,892,165                  | \$ 24,054,291 | \$ 27,770,418    | \$ 24,777,585 | \$ 25,023,660 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                                | For the \     | Years Ended Augu | ust 31,       |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                                |               |                  |               |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O a small on a Francisco                  | 2024                           | 2023          | 2022             | 2021          | 2020          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Expenses Instruction            | 34.52%                         | 34.01%        | 31.23%           | 24.71%        | 36.65%        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public service                            | 2.20%                          | 2.07%         | 1.79%            | 1.94%         | 2.07%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic support                          | 11.90%                         | 11.94%        | 9.64%            | 9.46%         | 10.76%        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student services                          | 8.24%                          | 7.85%         | 7.03%            | 9.24%         | 10.70%        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Institutional support                     | 16.82%                         | 21.13%        | 20.07%           | 31.98%        | 18.12%        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operation and maintenance of plant        | 10.45%                         | 8.20%         | 8.02%            | 8.39%         | 8.84%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarship and fellowships               | 2.07%                          | 1.87%         | 12.59%           | 4.09%         | 3.20%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Auxiliary enterprises                     | 6.79%                          | 6.09%         | 5.44%            | 5.49%         | 4.90%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation                              | 6.03%                          | 5.84%         | 3.29%            | 3.82%         | 3.75%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Operating Expenses                  | 99.03%                         | 99.02%        | 99.10%           | 99.10%        | 98.99%        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Operating Expenses                    |                                |               |                  |               |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operational costs of leased property      | 0.01%                          | 0.01%         | 0.01%            | 0.01%         | 0.01%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amortization of bond issuance costs       | 0.14%                          | 0.14%         | 0.12%            | 0.19%         | 0.19%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loss on disposal of assets                | 0.16%                          | 0.12%         | 0.24%            | 0.03%         | 0.05%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest and fees on capital related debt | 0.66%                          | 0.70%         | 0.52%            | 0.67%         | 0.76%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Non-Operating Expenses              | 0.97%                          | 0.98%         | 0.90%            | 0.90%         | 1.01%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Expenses                            | 100.00%                        | 100.00%       | 100.00%          | 100.00%       | 100.00%       |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Vernon College Statistical Supplement 3 Tuition and Fees Last Ten Academic Years (Unaudited)

| Resident                            |
|-------------------------------------|
| Vernon Campus                       |
| Fees per Semester Credit Hour (SCH) |

|          |      |          |       |              |      |            |    | _       |    | \ - /     |      |           |     |               |        |          |
|----------|------|----------|-------|--------------|------|------------|----|---------|----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|----------|
| Academic |      |          |       |              | Inct | titutional | Q+ | udent   |    | Cost for  | Cos  | st for 12 |     | ease<br>Prior | Incres | se from  |
| Year     | In₋F | District | Out-c | of- District |      | ervice     |    | ctivity |    | 2 SCH In- | -    | l Out-of- |     | ar In-        |        | ear Out- |
| (Fall)   |      | uition   |       | uition       | J    | Fee        |    | Fee     | 14 | District  |      | istrict   |     | trict         |        | istrict  |
| (i aii)  |      | illion   |       | uition       |      | 1 66       |    |         |    | District  |      | istrict   | DIS | tillet        | U-D    | ISHICL   |
| 2023     | \$   | 60.00    | \$    | 100.00       | \$   | 44.00      | \$ | 6.00    | \$ | 1,320.00  | \$ 1 | ,800.00   | (   | 0.00%         |        | 0.00%    |
| 2022     |      | 60.00    |       | 100.00       |      | 44.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,320.00  | 1,   | ,800.00   | (   | 0.00%         |        | 0.00%    |
| 2021     |      | 60.00    |       | 100.00       |      | 44.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,320.00  | 1,   | ,800.00   | (   | 0.00%         |        | 0.00%    |
| 2020     |      | 60.00    |       | 100.00       |      | 44.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,320.00  | 1,   | ,800.00   | 10  | 0.00%         |        | 3.45%    |
| 2019     |      | 50.00    |       | 95.00        |      | 44.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,200.00  | 1,   | ,740.00   | (   | 0.00%         |        | 0.00%    |
| 2018     |      | 50.00    |       | 95.00        |      | 44.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,200.00  | 1,   | ,740.00   | (   | 0.00%         |        | 0.00%    |
| 2017     |      | 50.00    |       | 95.00        |      | 44.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,200.00  | 1,   | ,740.00   | 5   | 5.26%         |        | 3.57%    |
| 2016     |      | 50.00    |       | 95.00        |      | 39.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,140.00  | 1,   | ,680.00   | 7   | 7.95%         |        | 3.70%    |
| 2015     |      | 48.00    |       | 95.00        |      | 34.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,056.00  | 1    | ,620.00   | (   | 0.00%         |        | 3.85%    |
| 2014     |      | 48.00    |       | 90.00        |      | 34.00      |    | 6.00    |    | 1,056.00  | 1,   | ,560.00   | (   | 0.00%         |        | 0.00%    |
|          |      |          |       |              |      |            |    |         |    |           |      |           |     |               |        |          |

#### Non-Resident Vernon Campus Fees per Semester Credit Hour (SCH)

|          |              |               |               |          |             |               | Increase   |                 |
|----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| Academic | Non-Resident | Non-Resident  | Institutional | Student  | Cost for    | Cost for      | from Prior | Increase from   |
| Year     | Tuition      | Tuition       | Service       | Activity | 12 SCH Out- | 12 SCH        | Year In-   | Prior Year Out- |
| (Fall)   | Out of State | International | Fee           | Fee      | of-State    | International | District   | of-District     |
| 2023     | \$ 200.00    | \$ 200.00     | \$ 44.00      | \$ 6.00  | \$ 2,520.00 | \$ 2,520.00   | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |
| 2022     | 200.00       | 200.00        | 44.00         | 6.00     | 2,520.00    | 2,520.00      | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |
| 2021     | 200.00       | 200.00        | 44.00         | 6.00     | 2,520.00    | 2,520.00      | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |
| 2020     | 200.00       | 200.00        | 44.00         | 6.00     | 2,520.00    | 2,520.00      | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |
| 2019     | 160.00       | 160.00        | 44.00         | 6.00     | 2,520.00    | 2,520.00      | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |
| 2018     | 160.00       | 160.00        | 44.00         | 6.00     | 2,520.00    | 2,520.00      | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |
| 2017     | 160.00       | 160.00        | 44.00         | 6.00     | 2,520.00    | 2,520.00      | 2.44%      | 2.44%           |
| 2016     | 160.00       | 160.00        | 39.00         | 6.00     | 2,460.00    | 2,460.00      | 2.50%      | 2.50%           |
| 2015     | 160.00       | 160.00        | 34.00         | 6.00     | 2,400.00    | 2,400.00      | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |
| 2014     | 160.00       | 160.00        | 34.00         | 6.00     | 2,400.00    | 2,400.00      | 0.00%      | 0.00%           |

Note: Includes basic enrollment tuition and fees but excludes course based fees such as laboratory fees, testing fees, and certification fees.

#### Vernon College **Statistical Supplement 4** Assessed Value and Taxable Assessed Value of Property **Last Ten Years** (Unaudited)

| _Fiscal Year | Assessed<br>Valuation of<br>Property | Less:<br>Exemptions | Taxable<br>Assessed<br>Value (TAV) | Ratio of Taxable<br>Assessed Value<br>to Assessed<br>Value | Maintenance<br>and<br>Operation<br>(a) | Debt<br>Service<br>(a) | Total<br>(a) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|--------------|
| 2023-24      | 2,861,268,916                        | 1,353,101,982       | 1,508,166,934                      | 52.71%   | 0.2245                                 | 0.00000                | 0.22450      |
| 2022-23      | 2,312,466,460                        | 1,028,075,320       | 1,284,391,140                      | 55.54%   | 0.2483                                 | 0.00000                | 0.24830      |
| 2021-22      | 2,322,802,377                        | 954,339,930         | 1,368,462,447                      | 58.91%   | 0.23244                                | 0.00000                | 0.23244      |
| 2020-21      | 2,322,802,377                        | 954,339,930         | 1,368,462,447                      | 58.91%   | 0.23244                                | 0.00000                | 0.23244      |
| 2019-20      | 2,177,006,547                        | 959,630,695         | 1,217,375,852                      | 55.92%   | 0.23147                                | 0.00000                | 0.23147      |
| 2018-19      | 1,904,965,640                        | 744,142,420         | 1,160,823,220                      | 60.94%   | 0.23237                                | 0.00000                | 0.23237      |
| 2017-18      | 1,898,393,160                        | 739,419,390         | 1,158,973,770                      | 61.05%   | 0.22965                                | 0.00000                | 0.22965      |
| 2016-17      | 1,910,924,250                        | 737,749,860         | 1,173,174,390                      | 61.39%   | 0.22000                                | 0.00000                | 0.22000      |
| 2015-16      | 1,982,985,410                        | 746,032,540         | 1,236,952,870                      | 62.38%   | 0.21767                                | 0.00000                | 0.21767      |
| 2014-15      | 1,859,401,310                        | 654,132,720         | 1,205,268,590                      | 64.82%   | 0.22212                                | 0.00000                | 0.22212      |
|              |                                      |                     |                                    |  |  |                        |              |

Source: Wilbarger County Appraisal District

Notes:

Property is assessed at full market value.
(a) per \$100 Taxable Assessed Valuation

Vernon College
Statistical Supplement 5
Principal Taxpayers
Last Five Tax Years
(Unaudited)

|                                    | Type of Taxable Assessed Valuation (TAV) by Tax Year |    |               |    |               |    |               |      |               |    |               |
|------------------------------------|--|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|------|---------------|----|---------------|
| Taxpayer                           | Business   |    | 2024          |    | 2023          |    | 2022          |      | 2021          |    | 2020          |
| AEP Electric Transmission of Texas | Electricity Distribution                             | \$ | 170,708,240   | \$ | 244,377,216   | \$ | 180,474,121   | \$   | 198,179,240   | \$ | 193,618,390   |
| Western Trail Wind                 | Wind Farm  |    | 179,326,241   |    | 186,686,183   |    | 201,199,329   |      | 7,409,070     |    |               |
| Lockett Wind Farm                  | Wind Farm  |    | 146,608,506   |    | 154,719,089   |    | 162,961,103   |      |               |    |               |
| Blue Summit Wind, LLC              | Wind Farm  |    | 92,164,266    |    | 102,499,621   |    | 51,638,991    |      | 36,271,320    |    | 113,809,250   |
| AEP Texas North Company            | Energy company                                       |    | 54,737,790    |    | 68,015,255    |    | 49,475,729    |      | 41,146,640    |    | 71,278,080    |
| WT Waggoner Estate                 | Farming, ranching, oil & gas                         |    | 38,534,293    |    | 34,600,910    |    | 416,377,382   |      | 20,081,180    |    | 275,701,000   |
| BNSF Railway                       | Railroad company                                     |    | 37,335,263    |    | 39,005,047    |    | 34,863,120    |      | 32,036,840    |    | 30,924,610    |
| AEP Public Service Co of Oklahoma  | Energy company                                       |    | 37,011,248    |    | 38,456,466    |    | 28,975,147    |      | 26,538,370    |    | 40,632,390    |
| Genesis Digital Assets             | Digital Assets                                       |    | 40,916,867    |    |               |    |               |      |               |    |               |
| Blue Summit II Wind LLC            | Wind Farm  |    | 28,651,582    |    | 31,099,503    |    | 31,099,503    |      |               |    |               |
| Burk Royalty Co Ltd                | Oil &N Gas   |    | 31,647,021    |    | 27,817,453    |    | 21,685,136    |      |               |    |               |
| Tyson Foods, Inc                   | Food processing plant                                |    | 36,331,433    |    | 24,983,371    |    | 53,368,962    |      | 37,329,700    |    | 49,658,900    |
| Cal-Maine-Mahard Egg Farm          | Egg farm   |    | 22,593,549    |    | 23,324,359    |    | 34,583,247    |      | 19,662,090    |    | 17,588,360    |
| Solvay (Rhodia), Inc               | Guar processing plant                                |    | 27,555,284    |    | 20,008,085    |    | 25,500,457    |      | 23,008,030    |    | 32,891,170    |
| Oncor Electric Delivery            | Electricity Distribution                             |    | 16,471,840    |    | 28,774,016    |    | 27,280,616    |      | 34,674,010    |    |               |
| Vernon FL, LLC                     | Automobile Dealerships                               |    |               |    |               |    | 11,293,410    |      | 13,198,980    |    | 12,649,000    |
| Joseph D & Joan P Rogers           | Hotels   |    |               |    |               |    | 8,891,830     |      | 8,074,870     |    |               |
| Blue Summit Storage, LLC           | Electric Storage Batteries                           |    |               |    |               |    | 8,091,032     |      | 9,869,180     |    | 11,008,520    |
|                                    |  |    |               |    |               |    |               |      |               |    |               |
| Totals                             |  | \$ | 960,593,423   | \$ | 1,024,366,574 | \$ | 1,347,759,115 | \$   | 507,479,520   | \$ | 849,759,670   |
|                                    |  |    |               |    |               |    |               |      |               |    |               |
| Total Assessed Taxable Value       |  | \$ | 1,740,289,481 | \$ | 1,508,166,934 | \$ | 1,510,076,954 | \$ ^ | 1,283,546,810 | \$ | 1,217,375,852 |

## Vernon College Statistical Supplement 6 Legal Debt Margin Information Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

For the Years Ended August 31,

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|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | 2024          | 2023          | 2022             | 2021                     | 2020             | 2019             | 2018             | 2017             | 2016             |
| Taxable Assessed Valuation  | 1,508,166,934 | 1,284,391,140 | \$ 1,368,462,447 | \$ 1,368,462,447         | \$ 1,217,375,852 | \$ 1,160,823,220 | \$ 1,158,973,770 | \$ 1,173,174,390 | \$ 1,236,952,870 |
| General Obligation Bonds  | -             | -             | -                | -                        | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Statutory tax levy limit for debt service                           | \$ 7,540,835  | \$ 6,421,956  | \$ 6,842,312     | \$ 6,842,312             | \$ 6,086,879     | \$ 5,804,116     | \$ 5,865,872     | \$ 6,184,764     | \$ 6,026,343     |
| Less funds restricted for repayment of bonds                        |               |               |                  |                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Total Net General Obligation Debt                                   | 7,540,835     | 6,421,956     | 6,842,312        | 6,842,312                | 6,086,879        | 5,804,116        | 5,865,872        | 6,184,764        | 6,026,343        |
| Current year debt service requirement                               |               |               |                  |                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Excess of statutory limit for debt service over current requirement | \$ 7,540,835  | \$ 6,421,956  | \$ 6,842,312     | \$ 6,842,312             | \$ 6,086,879     | \$ 5,804,116     | \$ 5,865,872     | \$ 6,184,764     | \$ 6,026,343     |
| Net current requirement as a percentage of statutory limit          | 0.00%         | 0.00%         | 0.00%            | 0.00%                    | 0.00%            | 0.00%            | 0.00%            | 0.00%            | 0.00%            |

Note: Vernon College has had no outstanding General Obligation Bond Debt for over ten years

#### Vernon College Statistical Supplement 7 Pledged Revenue Coverage Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

#### Revenue Bonds

|                                |           |                            | Pledged R                    | [                              | Debt Service Requirements |            |           |          |           |                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Fiscal Year<br>Ended August 31 | Tuition   | Laboratory/<br>Special Fee | General<br>Registration Fees | Facility/Farm<br>Lease Revenue | Investment Income         | Total      | Principal | Interest | Total     | Coverage<br>Ratio |
| 2024                           | 3,893,694 | 736,938                    | 6,819,770                    | 14,064                         | 514,187                   | 11,978,653 | 700,000   | 158,044  | 858,044   | 13.96             |
| 2023                           | 3,983,898 | 752,996                    | 6,713,508                    | 19,607                         | 287,622                   | 11,757,631 | 680,000   | 129,199  | 809,199   | 14.53             |
| 2022                           | 3,997,035 | 810,299                    | 6,456,317                    | 20,431                         | 233,229                   | 11,517,311 | 1,330,000 | 221,175  | 1,551,175 | 7.42              |
| 2021                           | 3,926,633 | 811,285                    | 6,292,587                    | 22,158                         | 162,633                   | 11,215,296 | 880,000   | 164,525  | 1,044,525 | 10.74             |
| 2020                           | 4,135,680 | 844,592                    | 6,296,661                    | 8,234                          | 115,664                   | 11,400,831 | 625,000   | 185,342  | 810,342   | 14.07             |
| 2019                           | 4,508,781 | 717,432                    | 6,483,710                    | 17,766                         | 104,996                   | 11,832,685 | 605,000   | 205,598  | 810,598   | 14.60             |
| 2018                           | 4,922,682 | 758,392                    | 6,028,849                    | 28,977                         | 52,710                    | 11,791,610 | 590,000   | 219,322  | 809,322   | 14.57             |
| 2017                           | 5,224,450 | 696,102                    | 5,336,948                    | 24,788                         | 11,875                    | 11,294,163 | 590,000   | 219,322  | 809,322   | 13.96             |
| 2016                           | 5,142,037 | 680,853                    | 4,732,292                    | 24,929                         | 11,506                    | 10,591,617 | 555,000   | 142,615  | 697,615   | 15.18             |
| 2015                           | 5,530,916 | 650,171                    | 4,358,436                    | 18,516                         | 18,732                    | 10,576,771 | 475,000   | 388,325  | 863,325   | 12.25             |

# Vernon College Statistical Supplement 8 Principal Employers Fiscal Year 2024 (Unaudited)

|                              | Number of   |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Employer                     | Employees   |
| Tyson Foods, Inc             | 500 - 999   |
| Walmart                      | 250 - 499   |
| Vernon Public Schools        | 250 - 499   |
| North Texas State Hospital   | 100 - 249   |
| Vernon College               | 100 - 249   |
| AEP Oklaunion Power Station  | 100 - 249   |
| United Supermarket           | 100 - 249   |
| Wilbarger General Hospital   | 100 - 249   |
| Western Union Agent Location | 100 - 249   |
| Advanced Healthcare Vernon   | 50 - 99     |
| Eco Services Operations      | 50 - 99     |
| Santa Rosa Telephone Co Op   | 50 - 99     |
| UPS of Vernon                | 50 - 99     |
| Vernon Auto Group            | 50 - 99     |
| City of Vernon               | 50 - 99     |
| Waggoner National Bank       | 50 - 99     |
| Total                        | 1950 - 4184 |

#### Source:

Employer search https://texaslmi.com/Home/EmployerContact

#### Note:

1. Percentages are calculated using the midpoints of the ranges.

Vernon College
Statistical Supplement 9
Faculty, Staff, and Administrators Statistics
Last Ten Years
(Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended August 31,

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|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | 2024                          | 2023         | 2022         | 2021             | 2020         | 2019         | 2018             | 2017         | 2016         | 2015         |
| Faculty     |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| FT          | 72                            | 79           | 85           | 90               | 85           | 85           | 86               | 90           | 97           | 91           |
| PT          | 68                            | 58           | 66           | 81               | 65           | 82           | 81               | 86           | 78           | 68           |
| Total       | 140                           | 137          | 151          | 171              | 150          | 167          | 167              | 176          | 175          | 159          |
|             |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| Percent     |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| FT          | 51%                           | 58%          | 56%          | 53%              | 57%          | 51%          | 51%              | 51%          | 55%          | 57%          |
| PT          | 49%                           | 42%          | 44%          | 47%              | 43%          | 49%          | 49%              | 49%          | 45%          | 43%          |
|             |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| Staff & Adm | 1                             |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| FT          | 143                           | 132          | 138          | 135              | 128          | 143          | 142              | 145          | 143          | 145          |
| PT          | _                             | 1            | 2            | 2                | 2            | 2            | 2                | 2            | 3            | 3            |
| Total       | 143                           | 133          | 140          | 137              | 130          | 145          | 144              | 147          | 146          | 148          |
|             |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| Percent     |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| FT          | 100%                          | 99%          | 99%          | 99%              | 98%          | 99%          | 99%              | 99%          | 98%          | 98%          |
| PT          | 0%                            | 1%           | 1%           | 1%               | 2%           | 1%           | 1%               | 1%           | 2%           | 2%           |
|             |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| FTSE        | 2,335                         | 2,335        | 1,879        | 1,879            | 2,113        | 2,111        | 1,912            | 2,058        | 1,898        | 1,959        |
| FT Faculty  | 32.43                         | 29.56        | 22.11        | 20.88            | 24.86        | 24.84        | 22.23            | 22.87        | 19.57        | 21.53        |
| FT Staff    | 16.33                         | 17.69        | 13.62        | 13.92            | 16.51        | 14.76        | 13.46            | 14.19        | 13.27        | 13.51        |
|             |                               |              |              |                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| Fac Sal     | \$ 4,437,307                  | \$ 3,809,445 | \$ 4,246,506 | \$ 4,954,452     | \$ 4,049,499 | \$ 4,562,264 | \$ 4,571,565     | \$ 4,803,176 | \$ 4,712,955 | \$ 4,666,619 |
| Avg. Fac    | \$ 61,629                     | \$ 48,221    | \$ 49,959    | \$ 55,049        | \$ 47,641    | \$ 53,674    | \$ 53,158        | \$ 53,369    | \$ 48,587    | \$ 51,282    |
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