



VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

REPORT ON AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Auditor of Public Accounts

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AUDIT SUMMARY

We have audited the basic financial statements of the System as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and issued our report thereon, dated December 10, 2021. Our report, included in the System's Annual Report, is available at the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.apa.virginia.gov and at the Virginia Retirement System's website at www.varetire.org. Our audit of the Virginia Retirement System (System) for the year ended June 30, 2021, found:

- the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects;
- no internal control findings requiring management's attention; and
- no instances of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYER SCHEDULES

The Commonwealth and its localities were required to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 68 and 75 beginning in fiscal years 2015 and 2018, respectively. These standards address accounting and reporting of pension and other post-employment benefit activity by employers. Therefore, in addition to our audit of the System's financial statements, we were previously required to audit information prepared by the System for all of the participating employers. In August 2021, the System provided actuarial valuation reports, schedules of the applicable pension and other post-employment benefit amounts, footnote disclosure information, and other financial reporting guidance to the participating state and local government employers for their fiscal year 2021 financial statements. Likewise, our office published the reports that included our audit opinions over the plan schedules and applicable pension and other post-employment benefit amounts for pension and other post-employment benefit plans administered by the System. All of this information is available on the [Pension and OPEB Standards](#) section of our website.



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December 10, 2021

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum
Chairman, Joint Legislative Audit
and Review Commission

Board of Trustees
Virginia Retirement System

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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 **Virginia Retirement System** (System) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 10, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the System'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the System'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 may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the System’s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. We discussed this report with management on December 14, 2021.

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VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

As of June 30, 2021

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