



SCOTT FITZPATRICK MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR

Honorable Michael L. Parson, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
and
Honorable Vivek Malek, State Treasurer
Jefferson City, Missouri

We completed audit work at the Office of State Treasurer (STO) as part of our annual statewide audit of the State of Missouri's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We issued audit reports (Report Nos. 2024-023 and 2024-036) of the state's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, in March and May 2024.¹ The purpose of this letter is to summarize, and communicate to stakeholders, the audit work performed at the STO during the audit and the audit results.

Statewide Financial Statement Audit and Methodology

We conducted the annual financial statement audit in accordance with 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 statement audit includes, among other things, expressing an opinion on whether the state's financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects. The Office of Administration (OA) prepared the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (financial statements) from various sources including the statewide accounting (SAM II) system and survey data received from state agencies and offices. The state's financial statements covered \$63 billion in total assets and \$38 billion in total expenses for fiscal year 2023. To satisfy our audit objectives, we evaluated and identified the accounts significant to each opinion unit within the state's financial statements and performed various audit procedures, including reviews of internal controls for each of those accounts. For fiscal year 2023, our financial statement audit included work at the OA and 13 other state agencies and offices. To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, the State Auditor recused himself from participation in the audit of the significant accounts of the State Treasurer's Office because he served as State Treasurer through January 9, 2023. For those significant accounts, the Audit Director oversaw procedures performed by the State Auditor's professional audit staff.

Financial Statement Audit Work at the STO

For the STO, we audited more than \$14.6 billion in cash and investment balances in various funds. In addition, we audited \$55 million in expenditure activity for the Abandoned Fund Account (Unclaimed Property) Fund.

Audit Results and Findings at the STO

Our responsibility for the statewide financial statement audit is limited to the previously stated objectives. The audit reports of the state's financial statements reported no material misstatements for the STO.

¹ Audit reports are available at: <<https://auditor.mo.gov/AuditReport/Menu>>.

We are required by the audit standards to report as audit findings certain significant or material conditions such as weaknesses in internal control; noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements; and/or fraud. The reports issued reported no audit findings related to the audit procedures performed at the STO.

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Director of Audits