

# **Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund**

*The Auditors' Communication with  
Those Charged with Governance*

June 30, 2017





January 26, 2018

To the Board of Trustees of  
the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund

We have audited the financial statements the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (the "Fund") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated January 26, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated January 18, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Fund are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The Fund adopted new accounting guidance during the year ended June 30, 2017, as noted below. We noted no transactions entered into by the Fund during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

In June 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB 75). GASB 75 addresses employer and governmental non-employer contributing entities' accounting and financial reporting when participating in an other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. This statement requires proper recognition of OPEB liabilities by employers and requires a more comprehensive measure of OPEB expense. More robust disclosures will also improve transparency and accountability. GASB 75 is effective for financial statements for the periods beginning after June 15, 2017. The Fund will adopt GASB 75 effective July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The Fund does not expect GASB 75 to have a significant impact on the Fund's financial statements.

**Significant Audit Findings, Continued**

*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices, Continued*

In August 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures* (GASB 77). GASB 77 provides financial reporting and disclosure guidance to governments that have either entered into tax abatement agreements or that have revenues affected by tax abatements entered into by another government. Governments will generally use tax abatements to encourage specific economic development that benefit either the government or its citizens by forgoing certain taxes. The Fund adopted this statement on July 1, 2016. The Fund had no items to be reported and the adoption had no significant impact on the Fund's financial statements.

In December 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans* (GASB 78). GASB 78 addresses an issue that arose as a result of the employer reporting for pension plans under GASB 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. Certain state and local governments participate in a cost-sharing multi-employer pension plan that (1) is not a state or local governmental plan, (2) provides defined benefits both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (3) has no predominant state or local governmental employer. This Statement establishes the requirements for recognition, reporting, disclosures, and required supplementary information for governmental employers that provide pensions through pension plans with the above-mentioned characteristics. The Fund adopted this statement on July 1, 2016. The adoption had no significant impact on the Fund's financial statements.

In January 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units* (GASB 80). GASB 80 amends blending requirements for the financial statements of component units to include criteria requiring blending of a component unit organized as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The Fund adopted this statement on July 1, 2016. The adoption had no significant impact on the Fund's financial statements.

### **Significant Audit Findings, Continued**

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices, Continued*

In March 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements* (GASB 81). GASB 81 provides recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is one of the beneficiaries of an irrevocable split-interest agreement. Irrevocable split-interest agreements are a type of giving by a donor to provide resources to two or more beneficiaries, including governments. GASB 81 provides the recognition and reporting requirements applicable when a government is one of the parties to such an agreement. The Fund will adopt GASB 81 effective July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The Fund does not expect GASB 81 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In November 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations* (GASB 83). GASB 83 provides accounting and reporting requirements for certain asset retirement obligations (ARO's) that arise from legally enforceable liabilities associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets. ARO's require an internal and external obligating event and the costs to be reasonably estimable for the incurrence of such a liability. The Fund will adopt GASB 83 effective July 1, 2018, for the June 30, 2019, reporting year. The Fund does not expect GASB 83 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In January 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities* (GASB 84). GASB 84 improves guidance regarding the recognition and reporting of fiduciary activities. GASB 84 identifies four types of reportable fiduciary fund types, including 1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, 2) investment trust funds, 3) private-purpose trust funds, and 4) custodial funds. GASB 84 outlines the accounting and disclosure requirements for operating structures that qualify as a fiduciary activity. The Fund will adopt GASB 84 effective July 1, 2019, for the June 30, 2020, reporting year. The Fund does not expect GASB 84 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In March 2017, GASB issued Statement No 85, *Omnibus 2017* (GASB 85). GASB 85 clarified several practice issues identified during the application of earlier GASB pronouncements. GASB 85 addresses topics including the blending of component units, goodwill and negative goodwill, fair value measurement and application, employer accounting and reporting for pensions and OPEB, and reporting by OPEB plans. The Fund will adopt GASB 85 on July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The Fund does not expect GASB 85 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

### **Significant Audit Findings, Continued**

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices, Continued*

In May 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues* (GASB 86). GASB 86 provides guidance regarding the in-substance defeasance of debt. Normally, a government will issue new debt at favorable rates and place the proceeds in trust to eliminate the liability of an existing debt. GASB 86 provides accounting and reporting guidance for situations where a government irrevocably sets aside cash and other assets to defease an existing debt. Guidance also addresses prepaid insurance related to extinguished debt and the financial valuation and disclosure of other assets used to defease debt. The Fund will adopt GASB 86 on July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The Fund does not expect GASB 86 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases* (GASB 87). GASB 87 defines a lease as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset (the underlying asset) as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. GASB 87 improves accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under GASB 87, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Earlier application is encouraged. The Fund has not determined the impact of GASB 87 on the financial statements.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimates of the market values of investments are based on the investment custodian. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates of the market values of investments and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### **Significant Audit Findings, Continued**

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 26, 2018.

#### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Fund's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### **Significant Audit Findings, Continued**

#### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Fund's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### **Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis and the schedule of investment returns, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the analysis of fund ownership for defined contribution plans, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

**Other Required Communications**

We as independent auditors are required to:

- a. Communicate significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control to the audit committee or its equivalent.
- b. Report directly to the audit committee (or equivalent) any fraud that causes a material misstatement of the financial statements and any fraud involving senior management. Fraud perpetrated by lower-level employees is also to be reported if it resulted in an individually significant misstatement.
- c. Report illegal acts that come to our attention (except those that are clearly inconsequential).

We have nothing to report.

**Other Procedures**

In conducting our audit, we selected 478 individual participant accounts for testing. The following is a summary of the testwork performed, with comparative totals for 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Tax and distribution check endorsement testwork	25	25
Positive confirmations of distributions to participants	324	513
Positive confirmations of loans to participants	25	25
General file documentation (see below)	17	4
Distribution check endorsement	65	68
Benefit recalculations	22	30
	<u>478</u>	<u>665</u>

Of the 324 participant account distribution confirmations, 244 were received without exception. For those not received, general file testwork or benefit recalculations were performed. In addition to the individual participant accounts, we also sent positive confirmations to 151 towns/cities that participated in the Fund during the year.

No material discrepancies were noted.

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**Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and management of the Fund and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

*Finley + Cook, PLLC*

**OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND**

**SUMMARY OF UNCORRECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT MISSTATEMENTS**

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*June 30, 2017*

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**None.**