Lorain County Community College

Lorain County

Financial Statements and Single Audit
for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Lorain County Community College, Lorain County, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., for the audit period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Lorain County Community College is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

January 15, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
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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 Lorain County Community College (the College), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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 June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit 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* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 audit. 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 the 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 the management's discussion and analysis and schedules of the College's pension and OPEB amounts and contributions, as listed in the table of contents, 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 who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 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, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the effectiveness of the College's 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.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Springfield, Ohio
December 20, 2024

Introduction

The following discussion and analysis provides an overview of the financial position and activities of Lorain County Community College ("LCCC" or "the College") for the year ended June 30, 2024. This discussion has been prepared by management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto, that follow this section.

Lorain County Community College is part of Ohio's system of State supported and State assisted institutions of higher education. It is one of the 23 community and technical colleges in Ohio. Located in the City of Elyria, with off-campus facilities in Lorain, Wellington, and North Ridgeville, the College is a local institution. A majority of the College's students commute daily from their homes in Lorain County and the surrounding counties.

Using the Annual Financial Report

The College's financial report includes three financial statements: the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The College follows the requirements of GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements- and Management's Discussion and Analysis- for Public Colleges and Universities*. This statement establishes standards for external financial reporting for public colleges and universities and requires that financial statements be presented on a consolidated basis to focus on the financial condition, the changes in financial condition, and the cash flows of the College as a whole. Many other non-financial factors must also be considered in assessing the overall health of the College, such as enrollment trends, student retention, strength of the faculty, condition of the infrastructure, and safety of the campus.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position,* and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, the College reports net position, rather than net assets, as the residual of all other elements presented in a Statement of Net Position. The College also reports deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and incorporates these elements in the computation of net position. These elements represent the consumption (deferred outflows) or acquisition (deferred inflows) of resources that are applicable to a future reporting period, but do not require any further exchange of goods or services.

Under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, Lorain County Community College Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is treated as a component unit in the College's basic financial statements. The component unit is excluded from Management's Discussion and Analysis.

The net pension asset and liability are reported pursuant to GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions-an Amendment of GASB Statement 27*, and the net other postemployment (OPEB) asset and liability are reported pursuant to GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.* For reasons discussed below, many end users of these financial statements will gain a clearer understanding of the College's actual financial condition by adding net pension and net OPEB liabilities and deferred inflows related to pensions and OPEB to the reported net position, and subtracting net pension and net OPEB assets and deferred outflows related to pensions and OPEB from the reported net position.

GASB standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB Statement No. 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB Statement No. 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's total pension liability or total OPEB liability. GASB Statements No. 68 and 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB Statements No. 68 and 75 require the net pension asset or liability and the net OPEB asset or liability to equal the College's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange"- that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since the government received the benefit of the exchange. However, the College is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract, but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension or OPEB plan against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e., sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. Changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign or identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the noncurrent liability section of the Statement of Net Position.

In accordance with GASB Statements No. 68 and 75, the College's financial statements, prepared on an accrual basis of accounting, include an annual pension expense/recovery and an annual OPEB expense/recovery for its proportionate share of each plan's change in net pension liability (asset) and net OPEB liability (asset), respectively, not accounted for as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources. Additional information about pensions and other postemployment benefits is presented in Notes 13 and 14 of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the College at the end of the fiscal year and includes assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. The net position is one indicator of the current financial condition of the College. Assets and liabilities are generally measured using current values. One notable exception is capital assets, which are stated at historical cost less an allowance for depreciation and amortization.

A summary of the College's assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows, and net position at June 30, 2024 and 2023 is provided below.

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Current Assets	$ 72,105,433	$ 73,912,136
Noncurrent Assets:		
Long Term Investments	35,892,393	30,882,416
Net Pension Asset	504,224	376,220
Net OPEB Asset	4,662,737	4,455,699
Capital and Right-of-Use Assets, Net	177,872,492	179,151,379
Other	557,213	560,246
Total Assets	$ 291,594,492	$ 289,338,096
Deferred Outflows of Resources:		
Pensions	$ 17,812,168	$ 25,363,198
OPEB	1,652,650	3,091,013
Loss on Refunding	3,358,000	3,670,908
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 22,822,818	$ 32,125,119
Current Liabilities	$ 17,500,218	$ 16,085,112
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Compensated Absences	5,155,654	4,991,690
Net Pension Liability	73,982,909	79,540,021
Net OPEB Liability	-	893,332
Other Noncurrent Obligations	56,930,596	62,747,775
Total Liabilities	$ 153,569,377	$ 164,257,930
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Property Taxes	$ 13,535,190	$ 13,545,723
Leases	385,378	465,020
Pensions	4,196,157	6,767,917
OPEB	3,516,765	4,203,147
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	$ 21,633,490	$ 24,981,807
Net Position	$ 139,214,443	$ 132,223,478

Current assets consist of cash and cash equivalents, short term investments, receivables, inventories, and prepaid expenses. Current liabilities consist primarily of accounts payable, accrued payroll liabilities, unearned revenue and the current portion of other noncurrent obligations. The College's current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) of 4.12 indicates that current assets are more than adequate to cover current liabilities as they become due.

Lorain County Community College's financial position, as a whole, increased by $7.0 million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Current assets declined by ($1.8) million, driven by decreases in short term investments of ($5.8) million, offset by increases in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash of $1.0 million, and receivables, net of $3.0 million. Noncurrent assets increased $4.0 million, driven by increases in long term investments of $5.0 million, and net pension and OPEB assets of $0.3 million, offset by an overall decrease in capital and right-of-use assets, net of ($1.3) million.

The increase in cash and cash equivalents, decrease in short term investments and increase in long term investments were related to the timing of payments to suppliers and employees, and a change in investment mix in the College's on-going effort to improve yield. The increase in receivables, net was primarily related to federal grants and contracts. Additional information about pensions and other postemployment benefits is presented in Notes 13 and 14 of the basic financial statements and capital and right-of-use assets, net are described under "Capital and Debt Activities" below.

Total liabilities decreased by ($10.7) million during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, primarily related to decreases in net pension and OPEB liabilities of ($6.5) million and the payment of bonds and other noncurrent obligations of ($6.2) million, partially offset by increases in other noncurrent obligations related to subscription-based information technology arrangements of $1.2 million, and accounts payable of $0.8 million due to the timing of payments to suppliers.

Capital and Debt Activities

One critical factor affecting the quality of the College's programs is the development and renewal of its capital assets. Capital asset additions of $10.0 million in fiscal year 2024 included parking lot renovations, construction and renovation of existing facilities and the acquisition of equipment. Current year capital asset additions were funded by local appropriations, state capital appropriations and other capital grants and gifts. Capital assets, net increased $0.6 million from the prior year after depreciation of ($9.4) million.

The College records right-of-use assets for leases and subscription-based information technology arrangements ("SBITAs"). Right-of-use asset additions totaled $1.2 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and were offset by terminations of ($0.5) million and amortization of ($2.6) million.

At June 30, 2024, current and noncurrent portions of other noncurrent obligations included $45.8 million for outstanding bonds (including unamortized premiums), $12.8 million related to the tax-exempt financed purchase agreement for energy conservation improvements, $2.8 million related to SBITAs and $1.1 million related to lease obligations.

For more information regarding the College's capital and right-of-use assets and noncurrent liabilities, see Notes 7 through 9 of the basic financial statements.

Net Position

Net position represents the residual interest in the College's assets and deferred outflows of resources after liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are deducted.

The College's net position at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are summarized as follows:

	June 30, 2024	Revised June 30, 2023
Net Investment in Capital and Right-of-Use Assets	$ 118,356,433	$ 114,348,155
Restricted - Expendable	12,774,484	12,436,825
Unrestricted	8,083,526	5,438,498
Total Net Position	$ 139,214,443	$ 132,223,478

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, based on updated guidance and interpretations of accounting principles, the College determined that net pension and net OPEB assets are considered restricted assets as they can only be used to provide pension benefits and OPEB benefits. As a result, the College restated restricted and unrestricted net position in the table above for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Net investment in capital and right-of-use assets consists of capital and right-of-use assets net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net investment in capital and right-of-use assets increased by $4.0 million primarily related to principal payments on bonds and other noncurrent obligations.

Restricted-Expendable net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities related to those assets subject to externally imposed restrictions governing their use. Restricted-Expendable net position increased by $0.3 million, primarily related to an increase in net pension and net OPEB assets.

Unrestricted net position is not subject to externally imposed stipulations. The $2.6 million increase in unrestricted net position was primarily related to higher investment income, and pension and OPEB net expense recovery in fiscal year 2024 compared to pension and OPEB net expense in fiscal year 2023.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents the revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year, and changes in net position. Activities are reported as either operating or nonoperating. As a public institution, the College's dependence on State aid results in an operating deficit because the financial reporting model classifies state appropriations as nonoperating revenue. The utilization of capital and right-of-use assets is reflected in the financial statements as depreciation and amortization.

Revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	FY 2024	FY 2023
Revenues		
Operating Revenues:		
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	$ 11,510,338	$ 11,789,489
Federal Grants and Contracts	11,781,582	7,832,221
State Grants and Contracts	2,929,666	2,706,150
Local Grants and Contracts	202,863	132,240
Private Grants and Contracts	5,275,075	3,907,190
Sales and Services	1,441,702	1,223,271
Auxiliary Enterprises	7,076,039	6,049,567
Other Sources	1,159,033	1,207,995
Total Operating Revenues	41,376,298	34,848,123
Expenses		
Operating Expenses:		
Instruction	34,704,173	36,074,732
Public Service	13,735,963	10,837,786
Academic Support	7,696,737	8,011,771
Student Services	11,134,875	11,187,746
Institutional Support	13,504,231	13,837,876
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	6,921,916	5,855,086
Scholarships and Fellowships	6,308,950	6,043,831
Auxiliary Enterprises	7,628,554	6,601,620
Other	2,713,540	2,310,180
Depreciation and Amortization	11,953,292	11,054,287
Total Operating Expenses	116,302,231	111,814,915
Operating Loss	(74,925,933)	(76,966,792)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		
State Share of Instruction	30,055,671	30,181,032
Local Appropriations	32,298,417	32,197,891
Federal Grants and Contracts	12,160,221	12,166,726
State Grants and Contracts	257,706	179,662
Community Project Expenses	-	(738,750)
Investment Income, Net	3,153,106	1,102,168
Interest on Debt	(2,175,632)	(2,317,720)
Other Net Nonoperating Revenue	90,494	56,554
Net Nonoperating Revenues	75,839,983	72,827,563
Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues	914,050	(4,139,229)
Other Revenues		
State Capital Appropriations	5,239,169	2,479,534
Capital Grants and Gifts	837,746	-
Total Other Revenues	6,076,915	2,479,534
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	6,990,965	(1,659,695)
Net Position		
Net Position at Beginning of Year	132,223,478	133,883,173
Net Position at End of Year	$ 139,214,443	$ 132,223,478

Another way to analyze operating expenses is to exclude the effects of both GASB Statement No. 68 (pensions) and GASB Statement No. 75 (OPEB) from operating expenses, as shown below.

Comparison of Operating Expenses Excluding GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75

	FY 2024 Operating Expenses Under GASB 68 and 75	Adjustment for OPEB Expense Recovery Under GASB 75	Adjustment for Pension Expense Recovery Under GASB 68	FY 2024 Operating Expenses Excluding GASB 68 and 75
Operating Expenses:				
Instruction	$ 34,704,173	$ 218,805	$ 738,184	$ 35,661,162
Public Service	13,735,963	26,385	25,743	13,788,091
Academic Support	7,696,737	25,034	44,998	7,766,769
Student Services	11,134,875	33,488	(43,025)	11,125,338
Institutional Support	13,504,231	39,257	(51,644)	13,491,844
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	6,921,916	5,420	(8,410)	6,918,926
Scholarships and Fellowships	6,308,950	-	-	6,308,950
Auxiliary Enterprises	7,628,554	-	-	7,628,554
Other	2,713,540	-	-	2,713,540
Depreciation and Amortization	11,953,292	-	-	11,953,292
Total Operating Expenses	$ 116,302,231	$ 348,389	$ 705,846	$ 117,356,466

	FY 2023 Operating Expenses Under GASB 68 and 75	Adjustment for OPEB Expense Recovery Under GASB 75	Adjustment for Pension Expense Under GASB 68	FY 2023 Operating Expenses Excluding GASB 68 and 75
Operating Expenses:				
Instruction	$ 36,074,732	$ 1,004,312	$ (613,100)	$ 36,465,944
Public Service	10,837,786	274,616	(343,721)	10,768,681
Academic Support	8,011,771	247,555	(317,482)	7,941,844
Student Services	11,187,746	460,463	(610,191)	11,038,018
Institutional Support	13,837,876	538,937	(775,948)	13,600,865
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	5,855,086	76,453	(102,767)	5,828,772
Scholarships and Fellowships	6,043,831	-	-	6,043,831
Auxiliary Enterprises	6,601,620	-	-	6,601,620
Other	2,310,180	-	-	2,310,180
Depreciation and Amortization	11,054,287	-	-	11,054,287
Total Operating Expenses	$ 111,814,915	$ 2,602,336	$ (2,763,209)	$ 111,654,042

GASB Statements No. 68 and 75 have no impact on revenue.

Changes in operating revenues were the result of the following factors:

- The decrease in student tuition and fees, net of scholarship allowances was primarily related to an increase in scholarships and related scholarship allowances. The College increased tuition rates beginning with Fall 2023 semester, and enrollment for fiscal year 2024 increased slightly compared to fiscal year 2023.
- The College experienced an increase in federal grants and contracts revenue related to the Ohio Department of Higher Education Behavioral Health Workforce Expansion Program, Department of Defense programs, including Ohio TechNet Defense Industrial Base STEM Consortium, and Ohio Manufacturing Talent Expansion for the Defense Industrial Supply Chain, and various grants from the Department of Labor, including Scaling Apprenticeship Through Sector-Based Strategies, and Northeast Ohio Equity in Tech.
- The increase in private grants and contracts was related to The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities to Career Program, and The Nord Family Foundation Bridges to Success Program.
- Revenue for auxiliary enterprises increased related to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Adult Diploma Program.

Excluding the impact of GASB Statements No. 68 and 75, changes in operating expenses were the result of the following factors:

- Instruction expenses decreased primarily related to College efforts to better manage faculty course load, and lower retirement-related faculty sick leave payouts in fiscal year 2024.
- The increase in public service expenses was primarily related to federal grants and contracts, including the Department of Labor Scaling Apprenticeship Through Sector-Based Strategies grant, and Department of Defense programs including Ohio TechNet Defense Industrial Base STEM Consortium, and Ohio Manufacturing Talent Expansion for the Defense Industrial Supply Chain.
- Operations and maintenance of plant expenses increased related to various facility repairs.
- Expenses for auxiliary enterprises increased related to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Adult Diploma Program.
- Other operating expenses increased related to a refresh of the College's Campus Master Plan which is described in further detail under "Looking Ahead", below.

Changes in nonoperating revenues (expenses) were the result of the following factors:

- Community project expenses are related to joint use agreements, which are funded through state capital appropriations. The College entered into a joint use agreement with Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio during fiscal year 2024, but did not request a release of funds for payment until after June 30, 2024. Further details are provided in Note 8 of the basic financial statements.
- Investment income, net increased as the result of higher interest rates on investments, and unrealized gains on the fair value of investments in fiscal year 2024 compared to unrealized losses on the fair value of investments in fiscal year 2023.

Changes in other revenues were the result of the following factors:

- State capital appropriations increased in fiscal year 2024, primarily related to the parking lot renovation project.
- The increase in capital grants and gifts revenue is related to Department of Labor TRAIN/CAMM, and LCCC Foundation support for the purchase of equipment for the College's educational programs.

Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows presents information related to cash inflows and outflows summarized by operating, noncapital financing, capital financing and investing activities, and helps measure the ability to meet financial obligations as they mature. A summary of the statement of cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net Cash Provided (Used) By:		
Operating Activities	$ (65,299,593)	$ (64,535,409)
Noncapital Financing Activities	74,857,407	74,134,464
Capital Financing Activities	(12,485,533)	(13,107,598)
Investing Activities	3,962,121	(2,246,870)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,034,402	(5,755,413)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	17,427,795	23,183,208
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	$ 18,462,197	$ 17,427,795

Major sources of cash included local appropriations $31.9 million, state share of instruction $30.1 million, grants and contracts $29.8 million, student tuition and fees $11.9 million, investment income $2.0 million, sales and maturities of investments, net of purchases, $1.9 million, capital grants and gifts $0.8 million and other net sources $3.6 million. Uses of cash included payments to or on behalf of employees ($63.2) million, payments to vendors ($33.7) million, principal and interest paid on capital debt and other noncurrent obligations ($8.2) million, purchases of capital and right-of-use assets ($5.2) million and other net uses ($0.7) million.

Operating Highlights

Driven by its strategic plan, Vision 2025, the College set its sights on 10,000 Degrees of Impact. By 2025, 10,000 individuals will earn a LCCC degree or credential that will impact individuals and families and impact the economy and community. The five areas of focus are: (1) Student – expand participation; (2) Success – increase completion and academic success; (3) Future – foster future success; (4) Work – improve economic competitiveness; and (5) Community – enhance quality of life. For more information about the College's strategic plan, vision, mission, and values, visit our website at https://www.lorainccc.edu/about/vision-2025.

The College achieved Vision 2025's 10,000 Degrees of Impact in May 2024, a full year ahead of schedule. The College will be starting its next strategic planning process, commencing with campus listening and learning sessions planned throughout the Fall 2024 semester.

Looking Ahead

The ability of the College to fulfill its mission and execute its strategic plan is directly influenced by enrollment, support from the State of Ohio, and the cost of health care, utilities, employee compensation and unfunded State and Federal mandates. The College faces cost pressures in the future. These relate to attracting and retaining high quality faculty and staff, managing increasing medical care and prescription drug costs, volatile energy and insurance prices, inflationary pressures, and other issues.

Paramount to the College's success is its continued accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) with a successful reaffirmation on May 16, 2016. The next reaffirmation of accreditation will occur during the academic year 2025-26. The College remains dedicated to quality education by participating in the HLC Open Pathway, addressing new challenges, and meeting constituent needs.

The College has three primary sources of revenue: levy support, tuition income and state subsidy. Lorain County voters have supported two levies that provide for campus operations. In March 2020, voters approved a renewal and addition of the levy supporting campus operations, with 60% voting for the levy. This renewal levy expires with the last collection in calendar year 2030. In November 2022, voters approved a renewal of the University Partnership operating levy to support campus operations, with 67% voting for the levy. This renewal levy expires with the last collection in calendar year 2032.

There is a direct relationship between the level of State support and the College's ability to maintain tuition growth, as declines in State appropriations generally result in increased tuition levels. The level of State support is also dependent upon the State Operating Budget. The Ohio Office of Budget and Management reported that total state revenues and transfers decreased by 2.2% from estimates as of the end of June 2024. The level of state subsidy to the public college and university sector appears to be stable for fiscal year 2025.

State capital appropriations play an essential role in the construction and renovation of the College's facilities. However, these appropriations are reasonably modest when compared to the College's own investment in capital projects.

Economic pressures on the State could impact future support of the College. However, management believes that the College's strong local financial support and diversified revenue can help it withstand economic uncertainties.

The College is seeing progress in its annual "LCCC Strong" process, a concerted engagement of the campus community in identifying opportunities to expand revenues and create greater cost efficiencies. Three LCCC Strong pilot programs focused on operational efficiency, academic excellence, and strategic partnerships are beginning.

The College is making progress on a refresh of its Campus Master Plan ("CMP"). Last refreshed in 2010, the new CMP is designed to take an innovative approach to traditional master planning by assessing campus infrastructure and space utilization first before developing master planning concepts to align with a refreshed strategic plan, the latter of which will commence in the next year nearing the completion of Vision 2025. Preliminary indications from the initial phase of the CMP reveal that the College's Facility Condition Index scores are lower than those of peer institutions, reflecting the College's intentional emphasis on maintenance and stewardship of existing infrastructure.

Over the summer of 2023, the College was selected as one of ten community colleges in the country by the Aspen Institute and Community College Research Center to join the nationwide Unlocking Opportunity network. The goal of the network is to enable more community college students entering and completing programs that lead directly to good jobs, either right away or via a bachelor's degree. LCCC's Unlocking Opportunity goals are to (1) grow the share of Lorain County high school graduates earning college credit by approximately 40% by 2035 (from 47% in 2023); and (2) to increase the share of Lorain County residents with a bachelor's degree by 18% by 2035 (from 17% in 2023).

The College is currently considering new enrollment opportunities in the counties west of Lorain County, specifically Erie and Huron counties. This region lacks easy access to a community college, and U.S. Census Bureau data on net migration flows indicates that many residents of these counties commute to Lorain County for employment.

The College has experienced an increase in its grant activity for fiscal year 2024 and has successfully renegotiated its Federal Facilities and Administrative rate, allowing for greater indirect cost recovery in the coming years.

Contacting the College's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the Ohio Department of Higher Education, our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and other interested parties with a general overview of the College's financial position and to show the College's accountability for the funding it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the following:

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LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	Primary Institution		Component Unit	
	Lorain County Community College		Lorain County Community College Foundation	
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$	15,717,958	$	2,520,382
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,744,239		-
Short Term Investments		11,662,088		-
Receivables, Net - Current Portion		40,332,080		-
Unconditional Promises to Give		-		1,519,500
Prepaid Expenses		1,026,048		6,878
Inventories		623,020		-
Total Current Assets		72,105,433		4,046,760
Noncurrent Assets:				
Long Term Investments		35,892,393		63,387,660
Unconditional Promises to Give		-		3,593,455
Receivables, Net		439,933		-
Other Noncurrent Assets		117,280		-
Net Pension Asset		504,224		-
Net OPEB Asset		4,662,737		-
Capital and Right-of Use-Assets, Net		177,872,492		5,896
Total Noncurrent Assets		219,489,059		66,987,011
Total Assets	$	291,594,492	$	71,033,771
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pensions	$	17,812,168	$	-
OPEB		1,652,650		-
Loss on Refunding		3,358,000		-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	$	22,822,818	$	-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024
(Continued)

	Primary Institution	Component Unit
	Lorain County Community College	Lorain County Community College Foundation
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	$ 3,955,636	$ 674,158
Accrued Liabilities	4,059,826	-
Accrued Interest Payable	283,496	-
Unearned Revenue	2,916,269	65,600
Compensated Absences - Current Portion	705,000	-
Other Noncurrent Obligations - Current Portion	5,579,991	-
Total Current Liabilities	17,500,218	739,758
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Compensated Absences	5,155,654	-
Net Pension Liability	73,982,909	-
Other Noncurrent Obligations	56,930,596	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	136,069,159	-
Total Liabilities	$ 153,569,377	$ 739,758
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Property Taxes	$ 13,535,190	$ -
Leases	385,378	-
Pensions	4,196,157	-
OPEB	3,516,765	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	$ 21,633,490	$ -
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital and Right-of-Use Assets	$ 118,356,433	$ -
Restricted:		
Nonexpendable	-	53,712,479
Expendable	12,774,484	12,211,362
Unrestricted	8,083,526	4,370,172
Total Net Position	$ 139,214,443	$ 70,294,013

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LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Primary Institution	Component Unit
	Lorain County Community College	Lorain County Community College Foundation
Revenues		
Operating Revenues:		
Student Tuition and Fees (Net of Scholarship Allowances of $14,302,990)	$ 11,510,338	$ -
Federal Grants and Contracts	11,781,582	-
State Grants and Contracts	2,929,666	-
Local Grants and Contracts	202,863	-
Private Grants and Contracts	5,275,075	-
Contributions and Fundraising	-	6,582,508
Sales and Services	1,441,702	-
Auxiliary Enterprises	7,076,039	-
Other Sources	1,159,033	-
Total Operating Revenues	41,376,298	6,582,508
Expenses		
Operating Expenses:		
Instruction	34,704,173	-
Public Service	13,735,963	-
Academic Support	7,696,737	-
Student Services	11,134,875	-
Institutional Support	13,504,231	1,760,422
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	6,921,916	-
Scholarships and Fellowships	6,308,950	1,276,585
Auxiliary Enterprises	7,628,554	-
Other	2,713,540	705,206
Depreciation and Amortization	11,953,292	3,352
Total Operating Expenses	116,302,231	3,745,565
Operating Income (Loss)	(74,925,933)	2,836,943
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		
State Share of Instruction	30,055,671	-
Local Appropriations	32,298,417	-
Federal Grants and Contracts	12,160,221	-
State Grants and Contracts	257,706	-
Investment Income, Net	3,153,106	7,415,407
Interest on Debt	(2,175,632)	-
Other Net Nonoperating Revenue	90,494	156,896
Net Nonoperating Revenues	75,839,983	7,572,303
Income Before Other Revenues	914,050	10,409,246
Other Revenues		
State Capital Appropriations	5,239,169	-
Capital Grants and Gifts	837,746	-
Total Other Revenues	6,076,915	-
Increase in Net Position	6,990,965	10,409,246
Net Position		
Net Position at Beginning of Year	132,223,478	59,884,767
Net Position at End of Year	$ 139,214,443	$ 70,294,013

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Lorain County Community College
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Tuition and Fees	$ 11,899,312
Grants and Contracts	16,838,031
Payments to or on Behalf of Employees	(63,243,935)
Payments to Vendors	(33,669,269)
Auxiliary Enterprises	(552,515)
Other Receipts	3,428,783
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(65,299,593)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
State Share of Instruction	30,055,671
Local Appropriations	31,910,159
Grants and Contracts	12,916,925
Cash Provided by Federal Direct Student Loans	5,360,285
Cash Used by Federal Direct Student Loans	(5,360,285)
Cash Provided by Fiduciary Fund Activities	92,936
Cash Used by Fiduciary Fund Activities	(118,284)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	74,857,407
Cash Flows from Capital Financing Activities	
Capital Grants and Gifts	808,246
Principal Payments Received - Lessor Arrangements	70,945
Interest Received - Lessor Arrangements	12,968
Purchases of Capital and Right-of-Use Assets	(5,170,178)
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	8,695
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(3,305,000)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	(1,391,167)
Principal Paid on Financed Purchases	(911,950)
Interest Paid on Financed Purchases	(430,216)
Principal Paid on Lease Obligations	(507,146)
Interest Paid on Lease Obligations	(39,405)
Principal Paid on SBITA Obligations	(1,462,964)
Interest Paid on SBITA Obligations	(168,361)
Net Cash Used in Capital Financing Activities	(12,485,533)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Issuance of Noncurrent Notes Receivable	(8,574)
Purchases of Investments	(16,119,149)
Proceeds from Sales and Maturities of Investments	18,045,722
Investment Income (Net of Investment Expenses of $33,012)	2,044,122
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	3,962,121
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,034,402
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	17,427,795
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	$ 18,462,197
Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 15,717,958
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,744,239
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	$ 18,462,197

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(Continued)

	Lorain County Community College
Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	$ (74,925,933)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	11,953,292
Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(131,189)
Changes in Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(2,449,734)
Decrease in Inventories	70,794
Increase in Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	(159,731)
Increase in Net Pension Asset	(128,004)
Increase in Net OPEB Asset	(207,038)
Decrease in Deferred Outflows - Pensions	7,551,030
Decrease in Deferred Outflows - OPEB	1,438,363
Increase in Accounts Payable	715,202
Increase in Accrued Liabilities	116,735
Increase in Unearned Revenue	416,242
Increase in Compensated Absences	148,964
Decrease in Net Pension Liability	(5,557,112)
Decrease in Net OPEB Liability	(893,332)
Decrease in Deferred Inflows - Pensions	(2,571,760)
Decrease in Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(686,382)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	$ (65,299,593)

Non-Cash Activities	
State Capital Appropriations Paid Directly to Vendors on Behalf of the College	$ 4,740,166
Right-of-Use Assets Acquired Through the Assumption of SBITA Obligations	$ 1,180,982
Unrealized Gain on Investments	$ 1,071,542
Capital Assets Acquired by Donation or Purchased on Credit	$ 89,509
Amortization of Bond Premium and Deferred Loss on Refunding	$ (181,861)
Gain on Lease Termination	$ 12,321

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Lorain County Community College ("the College") was established by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio in 1963 by statutory act and chartered under Chapter 3354 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio and is governed by a board of nine trustees. As such, it is a joint venture of the State of Ohio. The College is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, except for unrelated business income.

Lorain County Community College Foundation, Inc. ("the Foundation") is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization supporting Lorain County Community College. The Foundation was established to foster excellence in teaching and learning by encouraging philanthropic support for students, faculty, programs and facilities of the College. As the majority of the distribution of the resources held by the Foundation is made to the College, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the College and is discretely presented in the College's financial statements. See Note 19 for specific disclosures relating to the Foundation.

Basis of Presentation

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

The College applies GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 35, the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows are reported on a College-wide basis. The College further applies GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. These statements require that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following four net position categories:

- **Net investment in capital assets:** Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

- **Restricted - Nonexpendable:** Net position which includes endowments and similar type assets whose use is limited by donors or other outside sources and as a condition of the gift, the principal is to be maintained in perpetuity.

- **Restricted - Expendable:** Net position whose use by the College is subject to externally-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the College pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time.

- **Unrestricted:** Net position not subject to externally-imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the board of trustees or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties.

The College's Statement of Net Position reports $12,774,484 of restricted net position, none of which is restricted by enabling legislation.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when obligations have been incurred. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The College's policy for defining operating activities as reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position are those that result from exchange transactions such as payments received for providing services and payments made for goods or services received. Certain significant revenue streams relied upon for operations are recorded as non-operating revenues, including State Share of Instruction and Local Appropriations. When the College incurs an expense for which both unrestricted and restricted net assets are available, it is the College’s policy to first apply restricted resources. Student tuition and fees revenues are presented net of scholarships and fellowships applied to student accounts. Auxiliary enterprise revenues primarily represent revenues generated by the bookstore, food service, and information technology services.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that reports under Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) reporting standards. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from GASB revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. No modifications have been made to the Foundation’s financial information in the College’s financial statements for these differences.

Cash and Cash Equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits with banks, and highly liquid investments with original mature of three months or less.

Receivables are for transactions relating to tuition and fees, local appropriations, auxiliary enterprise sales, grants and contracts, lessor arrangements and miscellaneous sales and services. Receivables are recorded net of allowances for uncollectible accounts.

Prepaid Expenses represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the year end. A current or noncurrent asset is recorded at the time of payment and expense is recognized in the year in which services are consumed.

Inventories are presented at lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventory consists primarily of books and supplies in the College’s bookstore.

Investments are stated at fair value, based on quoted market prices in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*. The College does not invest in derivatives. Investment income is recorded on the accrual basis. Unrealized gains and losses are reflected in Investment Income, Net as nonoperating revenues (expenses) in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Investments with maturities of less than one year are classified as short term.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Capital assets are stated at cost or, if donated, acquisition value at date of gift. The College's capitalization threshold is $5,000. Depreciation of capital assets is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives (five to forty years) of the respective assets. When capital assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the carrying value of such assets and any accumulated depreciation are removed from the Statement of Net Position.

Unearned Revenue consists primarily of amounts received in advance of an event, such as student fees and advance ticket sales related to future fiscal years.

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of June 30, 2024, Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents included $2,678,533 debt service funds for the Series 2017 and Series 2020 bonds and $65,706 held in escrow for energy conservation capital project improvements.

Leases

The College leases building space and office equipment from external parties (lessee arrangements) and leases cell tower and building space to external parties (lessor arrangements). These leases are accounted and reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. For lessee arrangements, the College records right-of-use assets and lease obligations based on the present value of expected payments over the term of the respective leases. For lessor arrangements, the College records deferred inflows of resources, leases, and notes receivable based on the present value of expected receipts over the term of the respective leases. The lease term may include options to extend or terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain the option will be exercised. The expected payments/receipts are discounted using the interest rate charged in the lease, if available, and are otherwise discounted using the College's incremental borrowing rate. Variable payments are excluded from the valuations unless they are fixed in substance. For leases featuring payments tied to an index or market rate, the valuation is based on the initial index or market rate.

The College does not have any leases subject to a residual value guarantee. The College capitalizes individual lessee and lessor arrangements that are considered to be material, or groups of arrangements that are considered to be material when aggregated. Right-of-use assets are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the underlying asset useful life. Deferred inflows of resources, leases, are amortized over the respective lease term.

Contracts that transfer ownership of the underlying asset(s) to the College by the end of the contract are recorded as financed purchases.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The College has subscription-based information technology arrangements ("SBITA") with external parties for software, infrastructure and platform services. These arrangements are accounted and reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, which requires the recognition of right-of-use assets and corresponding SBITA obligations. SBITA obligations are based on the present value of expected payments over the subscription term. The subscription term may include options to extend or terminate the subscription arrangement, if it is reasonably certain the option will be exercised. The expected payments are discounted using the interest rate charged in the subscription arrangement if available, and are otherwise discounted using the College's incremental borrowing rate. Variable payments are excluded from the valuations unless they are fixed in substance. For SBITAs featuring payments tied to an index or market rate, the valuation is based on the initial index or market rate.

Right-of-use assets, SBITAs, are measured as the sum of the SBITA obligation, payments made to the SBITA vendor before commencement of the subscription term, and capitalizable implementation costs, less any incentives received from the SBITA vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term.

The College capitalizes individual SBITAs that are considered to be material, or groups of arrangements that are considered to be material when aggregated. Right-of-use assets, SBITAs, are amortized over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT assets.

Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense (reduction of expense), information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB systems report investments at fair value.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to Assets, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for Deferred Outflows of Resources. Deferred Outflows of Resources represent a consumption of net assets that apply to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. For the College, Deferred Outflows of Resources include pensions, OPEB and deferred charges on refunding bonds. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. Deferred Outflows of Resources related to pensions and OPEB are explained in Notes 13 and 14, respectively.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

In addition to Liabilities, the Statement of Net Position includes a separate section for Deferred Inflows of Resources. Deferred Inflows of Resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the College, Deferred Inflows of Resources include property taxes, leases, pensions and OPEB. Deferred Inflows of Resources related to property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2024, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2025 operations. Deferred Inflows of Resources related to leases, pensions and OPEB are explained in Notes 10, 13 and 14, respectively.

Compensated Absences

Full-time employees begin earning paid vacation on their first day of hire. The amount of vacation earned is based on the number of work/contract days paid in the previous fiscal year and on employee classification, with a maximum number of twenty-five days per year. Employees may carry a maximum of five days of vacation from one fiscal year to the next. Part-time employees who work eight-hundred or more hours during a fiscal year accumulate Earned Time Off ("ETO") to a maximum of five days.

Full-time employees are also granted paid sick leave each year to a maximum of fifteen days. Unused sick leave days automatically roll over each year and accrue up to a maximum of two hundred days. Upon retirement from the College and into an established statutory retirement system, employees are compensated for twenty-five percent of their accumulated sick leave, not to exceed forty-five days. Employees with less than ten years of service are not eligible for this benefit.

The College follows GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, when recording its compensated absences liability. As such, the College has accrued a liability for all accumulated vacation and ETO hours, as well as contractual compensated absence balances for certain administrators. The liability for sick leave is recorded on the basis of leave accumulated by employees who are eligible to receive termination payments as of the financial statement date, and on leave balances accumulated for other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments. Included in the Compensated Absences liability is an amount accrued for salary-related fringe benefits (the employer's share of Medicare taxes).

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Scholarship Allowances

Financial aid to students is reported under the alternative method as prescribed by the National Association of College and University Business Officers ("NACUBO"). Certain aid, such as loans, funds provided to students as awarded by third parties, and Federal Direct Lending is accounted for as a third-party payment (credited to the student's account as if the student made the payment). All other aid is reflected as operating expenses, or scholarship allowances. The amount included in operating expenses represents the portion of aid that was provided to the student in the form of cash. Scholarship allowances represent the portion of aid provided to the student in the form of reduced tuition. These allowances are netted against student tuition. Under the alternative method followed by the College, scholarship allowances are computed by allocating the cash payments to students, excluding payments for services, on the ratio of using aid not considered to be third-party aid to total aid.

Bond Premiums and Discounts

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond premiums are presented as an increase in the face amount of the applicable debt payable, while discounts are presented as a decrease in the face amount of the applicable debt payable.

Deferred Loss on Refunding

The difference between the reacquisition price (funds required to refund the old debt) of the refunded general receipts bonds and the net carrying amount of the old debt (deferred loss on refunding), is presented as a Deferred Outflows of Resources in the Statement of Net Position. This accounting loss is amortized as a component of interest expense, over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter.

Accounting Pronouncements

The College implemented the following Governmental Accounting Standards and Implementation Guides during fiscal year 2024:

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62,* was issued in June, 2022. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. This statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity, and prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for each type of accounting change, and error corrections. The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments and are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The implementation of this Standard did not have a material effect on the College's financial statements or disclosures.

GASB Implementation Guide No. 2023-1, *Implementation Guidance Update – 2023,* was issued in June, 2023, and provides guidance that clarifies, explains or elaborates on GASB Statements. Guidance for Leases and Subscription - Based Information Technology Arrangements is effective for fiscal years

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

beginning after June 15, 2023, and guidance for Accounting Changes and Error Corrections should be applied simultaneously with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 100. The provisions of this Implementation Guide apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments unless narrower applicability is specifically provided for in the pronouncement addressed by a question and answer. The implementation of this Implementation Guide did not have a material effect on the College's financial statements or disclosures.

GASB Statements and guidance to be implemented in future reporting periods are summarized below.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences,* was issued in June, 2022. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences and requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. This Statement also amends the existing requirement to disclose the gross increases and decreases in a liability for compensated absences to allow governments to disclose only the net change in the liability (as long as they identify it as a net change). The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments and are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No.102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, was issued in December, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement defines concentration and constraint, and requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the government vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact and to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. If a government determines that the criteria for disclosure have been met for a concentration or constraint, it should disclose information in notes to financial statements in sufficient detail to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature of the circumstances disclosed and the government's vulnerability to the risk of a substantial impact. The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments and are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, was issued in April 2024. This Statement establishes new accounting and financial reporting requirements, or modifies existing requirements, related to: management's discussion and analysis; unusual or infrequent items; presentation of the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position; information about major component units in basic financial statements; budgetary comparison information; and financial trends information in the statistical section. The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments and are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, was issued in September, 2024 and requires intangible assets that represent the right to use a type of underlying asset to be disclosed separately from any owned assets of that type. This statement requires lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, to be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset, and also requires subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, to be separately disclosed. It also establishes requirements for capital assets held for sale, including additional disclosures for those capital assets. The requirements of this Statement apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments and are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The College has not yet determined the impact that these statements will have on its financial statements and disclosures.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Legal Requirements

Statutes require the classification of monies held by the College into three categories.

> Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the College Treasury, in commercial accounts that are payable or withdrawable on demand or in money market deposit accounts.
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> Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Trustees has identified as not required for use within the current period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.
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> Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies that are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Protection of the College's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the treasurer, by the financial institution, or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Legal Requirements (Continued)

Regulations permit interim monies to be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States treasury bills, notes, bonds, or any other obligations or securities issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, and government national mortgage association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

3. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, or its political subdivisions.

4. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;

5. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;

6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (Star Ohio);

7. Up to forty percent (40%) of interim moneys available in either: bankers acceptances of banks that are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation and that mature not later than one hundred eighty days after purchase, or certain commercial paper notes that mature not later than two hundred seventy days after purchase; and,

8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the College, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Legal Requirements (Continued)

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (Including Repurchase Agreements) and Reverse Repurchase Agreements,* the College's cash deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the College. The categories are as follows:

Category 1	Insured or collateralized with securities held by the College or by its agent in the College's name.
Category 2	Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the College's name.
Category 3	Uncollateralized (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the College's name.)

The carrying amount of the College's deposits included in Cash and Cash Equivalents at June 30, 2024 is $1,564,144 and the bank balance is $3,080,135. Any difference between cash carrying amount and bank balance represents normal reconciling items (outstanding checks, cash on hand, and deposits in transit). At June 30, 2024, $332,456 of the College's deposits were insured by the FDIC (Category 1), and $2,747,679 were collateralized by the financial institutions public entity deposit pools.

The carrying amount of the College's deposits included in Short Term Investments at June 30, 2024 is $3,369,446. This deposit is a non-negotiable certificate of deposit that is secured by investments in U.S. Treasuries held by the financial institution but not in the College's name.

At June 30, 2024, the College had $13,225 in un-deposited cash on hand, which is included in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Statement of Net Position.

The College held $14,135,973 in State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio ("STAR Ohio") at June 30, 2024. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed and administered by the State Treasurer's Office which allows subdivisions within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment company, but has adopted GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*, which establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for qualifying external investment pools that elect to measure all of their investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. STAR Ohio applies GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, which provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for reporting purposes and applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. Since STAR Ohio qualifies for reporting at amortized cost under GASB Statement No. 79, the applicability of GASB Statement No. 72 is limited to the disclosures referenced within GASB Statement No. 79. The fair value of the College's position in the pool is the same as the value of its pool share.

STAR Ohio is not required to be categorized in accordance with GASB Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (Including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*. All other investments are Category 2.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Legal Requirements (Continued)

The following table summarizes the College's investments by type and maturity as of June 30, 2024:

		Investment Maturities	
Description	Total	Less Than 1 year	1-5 Years
STAR Ohio	$ 14,135,973	$ 14,135,973	$ -
US Agency Obligations	17,228,419	3,026,192	14,202,227
Corporate Bonds and Notes	10,898,428	919,363	9,979,065
Municipal Bonds	6,524,677	1,330,926	5,193,751
US Treasury Notes	4,073,570	-	4,073,570
Certificates of Deposit	3,881,371	2,180,729	1,700,642
Money Market Funds	2,748,855	2,748,855	-
Commercial Paper	835,432	835,432	-
Mortgage Backed Security	743,138	-	743,138
Total Investments	$ 61,069,863	$ 25,177,470	$ 35,892,393

Investments- The College's investment policy was approved by the Board of Trustees and establishes priorities and guidelines regarding the investment management of the College's funds. These priorities and guidelines are based upon Chapters 3354.10, 3345.05, and 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") and prudent money management principles. The investment objectives of the College, in priority order, include compliance with all federal and state laws, safety of principal, liquidity, and yield. Market risks (including interest rate risk and liquidity risk) and credit risk are managed by board policies as described below.

Interest Rate Risk- Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The College's investment policy does not specifically limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The effects of market value fluctuations will be minimized by maintaining adequate liquidity to pay current obligations, diversification of maturities, and diversification of assets.

Liquidity Risk- The portfolio remains sufficiently liquid to meet all current obligations of the College. This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that maturities mature concurrent with cash needs or by investing in securities with active secondary or resale markets. A portion of the portfolio may also be placed in money market mutual funds or local government investment pools (STAR Ohio) that offer liquidity for short-term funds.

Credit Risk- Credit risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of a security issuer to pay principal or interest or the failure of the issuer to make timely payments of principal. Credit risk is minimized by (1) diversifying assets by issuer, (2) ensuring that minimum credit ratings exist prior to the purchase of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances, and (3) maintaining adequate collateralization of certificates of deposit.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Legal Requirements (Continued)

The table below summarizes Standard & Poor credit ratings, by investment type, for investments held by the College at June 30, 2024:

Description	AAAm	AAA/AA+ AA/AA-	A+/A A-1+/A1	A-	Not Rated	Total
STAR Ohio	$ 14,135,973	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$14,135,973
US Agency Obligations	-	16,488,416	-	-	740,003	17,228,419
Corporate Bonds and Notes	-	4,302,611	4,872,929	1,722,888	-	10,898,428
Certificates of Deposit	-	-	-	-	3,881,371	3,881,371
Municipal Bonds	-	6,524,677	-	-	-	6,524,677
US Treasury Notes	-	4,073,570	-	-	-	4,073,570
Money Market Funds	2,748,855	-	-	-	-	2,748,855
Commercial Paper	-	-	835,432	-	-	835,432
Mortgage Backed Security	-	743,138	-	-	-	743,138
Total Investments	$ 16,884,828	$ 32,132,412	$ 5,708,361	$ 1,722,888	$ 4,621,374	$ 61,069,863

Concentration of Credit Risk- Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The table below provides each investment type as a percentage of the College's total investments as of June 30, 2024:

Description	Percentage of Total Investments
STAR Ohio	23.1%
US Agency Obligations	28.2%
Corporate Bonds and Notes	17.8%
Municipal Bonds	10.7%
US Treasury Notes	6.7%
Certificates of Deposit	6.4%
Money Market Funds	4.5%
Commercial Paper	1.4%
Mortgage Backed Security	1.2%

To eliminate risk of loss resulting from the over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity, issuer or class of securities, the College's investment policy requires diversification strategies to avoid undue concentration of assets in a specific maturity sector.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Legal Requirements (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk- Custodial credit risk is the risk that the College's deposits may not be returned in the event of a bank failure. According to State law, public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit in excess of those funds that are insured by the FDIC or by any other agency or instrumentality of the federal government. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by: a) eligible securities pledged to the College and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or b) participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System ("OPCS"), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. The College's policy is to deposit money with financial institutions that are able to abide by the laws governing insurance and collateralization of public funds.

As of June 30, 2024, the College's bank balance of $6,449,581 is either covered by the FDIC, secured by investments in U.S. Treasuries, or collateralized by the financial institutions public entity deposit pools in the manner described above.

All brokers, advisors, and financial institutions initiating transactions with the College must acknowledge their agreement to abide by the content of the College's investment policy. Investment consultants must 1) be licensed by the division of securities under Section 1707.141 of the Ohio Revised Code or be registered with the SEC, and 2) have experience in the management of investments of public funds, especially in the investment of state government investment portfolios or be an eligible institution referenced in Section 135.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Securities purchased for the College are held by a third-party custodian in a safekeeping account established by the College as provided in Section 135.37 of the Ohio Revised Code, and are evidenced by monthly statements from the custodian describing such securities, limiting custodial credit risk.

NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The College categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy below.

In instances whereby inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The College's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following table summarizes the College's investments that are measured at fair value as of June 30, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
US Agency Obligations	$ -	$ 17,228,419	$ -	$ 17,228,419
Corporate Bonds and Notes	-	10,898,428	-	10,898,428
Municipal Bonds	-	6,524,677	-	6,524,677
US Treasury Notes	-	4,073,570	-	4,073,570
Certificates of Deposit	-	3,881,371	-	3,881,371
Commercial Paper	-	835,432	-	835,432
Mortgage Backed Security	-	743,138	-	743,138
Investments by Fair Value Level	$ -	$ 44,185,035	$ -	$ 44,185,035

The evaluated prices of level 2 investments may be determined by factors which include, but are not limited to market quotations, yields, maturities, call features, ratings, institutional size trading in similar groups of securities, and developments related to specific securities.

Short term investments included in Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash in the Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2024 include:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Restricted Cash
STAR Ohio	$ 14,135,973	$ -
Money Market Funds	70,322	2,678,533
Total	$ 14,206,295	$ 2,678,533

The investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value ("NAV") per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value and therefore is not included in the fair value measurement table above. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit transactions to $250 million per day and appreciates 24 hours advance notice of deposits and withdrawals of $100 million or more. Transactions in all of a Participant's accounts will be combined for this purpose.

Investment Income, Net in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

Interest Income	$ 2,174,466
Realized Losses	(59,890)
Net Unrealized Gains	1,071,542
Investment Expenses	(33,012)
Investment Income, Net	$ 3,153,106

NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES

The composition of Receivables, Net as of June 30, 2024 is summarized as follows:

	Current Portion	Non-Current Portion	Total
Student Accounts	$ 9,157,222	$ -	$ 9,157,222
Local Appropriations	29,180,250	-	29,180,250
Government Agencies	7,552,343	-	7,552,343
Notes Receivable - Lessor Arrangements	67,984	367,503	435,487
Other Accounts and Notes Receivable	2,268,771	77,030	2,345,801
Total Receivables	48,226,570	444,533	48,671,103
Less Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(7,894,490)	(4,600)	(7,899,090)
Receivables, Net	$ 40,332,080	$ 439,933	$ 40,772,013

NOTE 5 – LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS

The College receives local appropriations in the form of property taxes levied against real, public utility, and tangible (used in business) personal property located in Lorain County, Ohio. The electors within the County must approve any College property tax. The College collects property taxes for operating, capital and University Partnership purposes from two levies approved by the County voters. The levies were both passed for a ten-year period.

The 1.8 mill levy was approved in November 2010, and expired with the last collection in calendar year 2020. In March 2020, voters approved a renewal of the existing 1.8 mill levy and a 0.5 mill increase. This 2.3 mill renewal levy expires with the last collection in calendar year 2030.

The second levy, approved in November 2013, consists of a 1.5 mill renewal and 0.6 mill increase and expired with the last collection in calendar year 2023. In November 2022, voters approved a renewal of the existing 2.1 mill levy. This renewal levy expires with the last collection in calendar year 2032.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in Lorain County. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes, levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State Statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2024 became a lien December 31, 2022, levied after April 1, 2023, and collected in 2024 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the College fiscal year runs from July through June. The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the College. First-half tax collections are received by the College in the second half of the fiscal year.

NOTE 5 – LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)

Second-half tax collections occur in the first half of the following fiscal year, and are reflected in Receivables, Net – Current Portion in the Statement of Net Position. Second-half tax collections are available to finance fiscal year 2024 operations.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real and public utility property taxes and outstanding delinquencies that are measurable as of June 30, 2024, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. The remaining portion of the receivable is offset by Deferred Inflows of Resources, Property Taxes, in the Statement of Net Position.

NOTE 6 – TAX ABATEMENTS

The College has not directly entered into any tax abatement agreements and has not made any commitments as part of the agreements. Agreements entered into by other governments within Lorain County and that reduce the College's tax revenues are categorized into the following programs:

- Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") programs are economic development tools administered by municipal and county governments that provide real property tax exemptions for property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings. Community Reinvestment Areas are areas of land in which property owners can receive tax incentives for investing in real property improvements. These programs permit municipalities or counties to designate areas where investment has been discouraged, as a CRA, to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures.

- Enterprise Zone programs are economic development tools administered by municipal and county governments that provide real property tax exemptions to businesses making investments in local communities. Enterprise Zones are designated areas of land in which businesses can receive tax incentives in the form of tax exemptions on eligible new investment. Enterprise Zone programs can provide tax exemptions for a portion of the value of new real property investment when the investment is made in conjunction with a project that includes job creation. Existing land values and existing building values are not eligible (except as noted within rare circumstances). Local communities may offer tax incentives for non-retail projects that are established or expanding operations in the community. Real property investments are eligible for tax incentives.

The following table summarizes tax abatements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	CRA	Enterprise Zone
Brownhelm Township/City of Vermilion	$ -	$ 2,164
City of Avon	55,193	10,910
City of Avon Lake	77,675	-
City of Elyria	20,305	8,030
City of Lorain	51,840	-
City of North Ridgeville	43,362	-
City of Oberlin	-	1,378
LaGrange Village	1,922	-
Sheffield Village	-	727
Total Tax Abatements	$ 250,297	$ 23,209

NOTE 7 – CAPITAL AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

Capital and right-of-use assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is summarized below:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements and Reclassified	Ending Balance
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	$ 2,739,018	$ -	$ -	$ 2,739,018
Construction in Progress	4,784,087	642,536	(4,678,386)	748,237
Total Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:	7,523,105	642,536	(4,678,386)	3,487,255
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Improvements	25,362,278	263,928	-	25,626,206
Buildings	250,100,241	6,269,352	4,081,003	260,450,596
Leasehold Improvements	845,081	-	-	845,081
Indisputable Right-of-Use	462,202	-	-	462,202
Equipment	48,203,877	2,749,230	135,810	51,088,917
Software	12,110,720	74,807	170,022	12,355,549
Total Depreciable Capital Assets:	337,084,399	9,357,317	4,386,835	350,828,551
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Improvements	(21,826,994)	(364,269)	-	(22,191,263)
Buildings	(104,389,133)	(5,537,818)	-	(109,926,951)
Leasehold Improvements	(845,081)	-	-	(845,081)
Indisputable Right-of-Use	(462,202)	-	-	(462,202)
Equipment	(36,067,819)	(2,898,549)	291,551	(38,674,817)
Software	(8,467,317)	(568,346)	-	(9,035,663)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(172,058,546)	(9,368,982)	291,551	(181,135,977)
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	$ 165,025,853	$ (11,665)	$ 4,678,386	$ 169,692,574
Right-of-Use Assets - Leases				
Buildings	$ 2,170,452	$ -	$ (527,521)	$ 1,642,931
Equipment	601,120	-	-	601,120
Total Right-of-Use Assets – Leases	2,771,572	-	(527,521)	2,244,051
Less: Accumulated Amortization-Leases				
Buildings	(800,854)	(389,874)	369,263	(821,465)
Equipment	(240,448)	(120,224)		(360,672)
Total Accumulated Amortization-Leases	(1,041,302)	(510,098)	369,263	(1,182,137)
Right-of-Use Assets – Leases, Net	$ 1,730,270	$ (510,098)	$ (158,258)	$ 1,061,914
Right-of-Use Assets – SBITAs				
SBITAs	$ 6,294,349	$ 1,180,982	$ (1,616,484)	$ 5,858,847
Less: Accumulated Amortization-SBITAs	(1,422,198)	(2,074,212)	1,268,312	(2,228,098)
Right-of-Use Assets – SBITAs, Net	$ 4,872,151	$ (893,230)	$ (348,172)	$ 3,630,749
Total Capital and Right-of-Use Assets, Net	$ 179,151,379	$ (772,457)	$ (506,430)	$ 177,872,492

NOTE 8 – JOINT USE AGREEMENTS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Lorain County Community College has entered into multiple Joint Use Agreements with tax-exempt organizations, approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education ("ODHE"), whereby the College has been granted appropriations to improve facilities or acquire equipment owned and operated by the respective organizations, as described below. The value of the right to use facilities and equipment under the respective Joint Use Agreements cannot be reasonably estimated, so no intangible assets are recognized in the College's financial statements, related to these agreements. The College did not receive any appropriations related to Joint Use Agreements during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

ODHE Directive 2015-055 Lorain County Community College and Case Western Reserve University

On October 27, 2014, the College entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to form a partnership with Case Western Reserve University ("CWRU") to establish a collaborative relationship for engaging faculty, students, and staff to allow for ease in joint programming, facility use, and curriculum, all for the benefit of both student bodies and the larger Northeast Ohio region. The initial term of the agreement terminated June 30, 2015; thereafter to be renewed by mutual consent by both parties, bi-annually to coincide with the State's biennium budget process. Termination of this MOU will not affect the terms of the Joint Use Agreement or any implementing agreements executed between the parties.

On October 13, 2015, both parties, under ODHE Directive 2015-055, entered into a Joint Use Agreement, whereas CWRU was awarded $1,000,000 via Lorain County Community College, from Ohio Capital Bill HB 497 for construction of the Think[box] renovation project. Lorain County Community College, as the public institution stewarding the funds, received 1.5% of the appropriated amount ($15,000) from the State of Ohio to cover administrative fees, while the College requested Controlling Board Release of Funds for payments to CWRU for reimbursement of approved invoices for $985,000 for construction of the facility owned by CWRU.

The capital investment allows the College and CWRU to provide a physical connection point for engaging faculty, students, and staff between the two institutions. Think[box] will be open to the public, and the Joint Use Agreement provides all faculty, staff, students, and companies from Lorain County Community College use of the Think[box] facility, equipment, and materials during business hours, and at other times in consultation with Think[box] staff. The term of the agreement for the Think[box] project is for at least 20 years from the time the facility was ready for occupancy. CWRU shall reimburse the State if Lorain County Community College's use of Think[box] is terminated prior to the expiration of the 20-year term, calculated by dividing $1,000,000 by 20 and multiplying the sum by 20 less the number of full years the facility is used by the College.

NOTE 8 – JOINT USE AGREEMENTS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Continued)

ODHE Directive 2017-28 Lorain County Community College and Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County

On March 20, 2017, under ODHE Directive 2017-28, the College entered into a Joint Use Agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County ("BGCLC") whereas BGCLC was awarded $175,000 via Lorain County Community College, from Ohio Capital Bill SB 310 for construction, renovation and equipment associated with a Community Kitchen owned and operated by BGCLC. Lorain County Community College refused the 1.5% administrative fee for the BGCLC Community Kitchen project.

The College requested Controlling Board Release of Funds for payments to BGCLC. Upon the receipt of approved Purchase Order/invoices from the contractor, payment vouchers were processed by the College to BGCLC.

The Joint Use Agreement calls for BGCLC to provide two internships per year for Lorain County Community College students at the Community Kitchen and quarterly Culinary Arts/Food and Business Seminars free of charge to Lorain County Community College students, faculty and staff. The College shall have use of the facility for at least 20 years from the time it was ready for occupancy. BGCLC shall reimburse the State if Lorain County Community College's use of the Community Kitchen is terminated prior to the expiration of the 20-year term, calculated by dividing the $175,000 by 20 and multiplying the sum by 20 less the number of full years the facility is used by the College.

ODHE Directive 2020-016 Lorain County Community College and Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County

On April 20, 2020, under ODHE Directive 2020-016, the College entered into a Joint Use Agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County whereas BGCLC was awarded $75,000 via Lorain County Community College, from Ohio Capital Bill, HB 529 for construction of the South Lorain Education and Wellness Center ("Community Center") owned and operated by BGCLC. Lorain County Community College refused the 1.5% administrative fee for the BGCLC Community Center project.

The College will process payment vouchers to BGCLC upon the receipt of the required and approved documentation. As of June 30, 2024, the College has not yet requested release of funds for payments to BGCLC.

The capital investment allows the College and BGCLC to provide a physical connection point and bridge for youth/non-traditional learners in the City of Lorain to gain access to College resources and programming including: career assessment and College classes. The Joint Use Agreement requires the construction of a dedicated classroom space at the Community Center for College use. With this classroom space, the College will have the opportunity to offer classes to help community members get their GED or High School Diploma, and additional

NOTE 8 – JOINT USE AGREEMENTS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Continued)

ODHE Directive 2020-016 Lorain County Community College and Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County (Continued)

courses for teens and parents of Club members needing additional employment skills. The College shall have use of the facility for at least 20 years from the time it is ready for occupancy. BGCLC shall reimburse the State if Lorain County Community College's use of the Community Center is terminated prior to the expiration of the 20-year term, calculated by dividing the $75,000 by 20 and multiplying the sum by 20 less the number of full years the facility is used by the College.

ODHE Directive 2020-017 Lorain County Community College and Mercy Health – Regional Medical Center LLC

On April 20, 2020, under ODHE Directive 2020-017, the College entered into a Joint Use Agreement with the Mercy Health – Regional Medical Center LLC ("Mercy Health") whereas Mercy Health was awarded $325,000 via Lorain County Community College, from Ohio Capital Bill HB 529, for renovation of the Mercy Regional Behavioral Health Access Center ("BAC") owned and operated by Mercy Health. Funds will be used to renovate the existing BAC to dedicate space to care for behavioral health patients. Mercy Health reimbursed Lorain County Community College for administrative costs incurred as a result of the project equal to 1.5% of the appropriated amount, a total of $4,875.

The College requested Controlling Board Release of Funds for payments to Mercy Health. Upon the receipt of approved Purchase Order/invoices from the contractor, payment vouchers were processed by the College to Mercy Health.

The Joint Use Agreement provides the College with use of the renovated space for the continuation of clinical instruction for the Behavioral Health Nursing program. Through direction and approval of Mercy Health, the College can utilize the renovated BAC facility for training, clinical instruction, and further learning opportunities. The College shall have use of the facility for at least 20 years from the time that the BAC becomes accessible. Mercy Health shall reimburse the State if Lorain County Community College's use of the Behavioral Health Access Center is terminated prior to the expiration of the 20-year term, calculated by dividing the $325,000 by 20 and multiplying that sum by 20 less the number of full years the facility is used by the College.

ODHE Directive 2021-018 Lorain County Community College and Lorain County Health & Dentistry

On June 4, 2021, under ODHE Directive 2021-018, the College entered into a Joint Use Agreement with Lorain County Health & Dentistry ("LCHD") whereas LCHD was awarded $310,000 via Lorain County Community College from Ohio Capital Bill SB 310, to purchase new dental equipment for six dental operatories in the new LCHD Elyria location, to be owned and operated by LCHD. Funds will be used to expand medical and dental services to low-

NOTE 8 – JOINT USE AGREEMENTS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Continued)

ODHE Directive 2021-018 Lorain County Community College and Lorain County Health & Dentistry (Continued)

income residents of Lorain County through furnishing certain dental equipment for the new Lorain Medical and Dental Expansion at the new location, 801 Middle Avenue, Elyria, Ohio. The College was reimbursed for administrative costs incurred as a result of the project in the amount of $4,650, which is equal to 1.5% of the appropriated amount of the funds.

The College requested Controlling Board Release of Funds for payments to LCHD. Upon the receipt of approved Purchase Order/invoices from the contractor, payment vouchers were processed by the College to LCHD.

The Joint Use Agreement provides the College with use of LCHD's Elyria Medical and Dental Center during hours of operation; generally, these hours are 8am through 5pm, Monday through Friday, for clinical instruction in dental hygiene. In addition, the LCHD will hire student interns enrolled in career paths in accounting and business management, to work in the administration offices. These services will be available to Lorain County Community College students for at least 20 years from the time the center is ready for occupancy. LCHD shall reimburse the State if Lorain County Community College's right to use the facility or equipment is terminated by LCHD prior to the expiration of the 20-year term, calculated by dividing $310,000 by 20 and multiplying that sum by 20 less the number of full years the center is used by the College.

ODHE Directive 2022-023 Lorain County Community College and Case Western Reserve University

On September 30, 2022, under ODHE Directive 2022-023, the College entered into a Joint use Agreement with Case Western Reserve University ("CWRU") whereas CWRU was awarded $750,000 via Lorain County Community College from Ohio Capital Bill SB 310, to renovate the first floor of the existing Sears Think[box] facility located on the campus of CWRU in the Richey Mixon Building. The College was reimbursed for administrative costs incurred as a result of the project in the amount of $11,250, which is equal to 1.5% of the appropriated amount of the funds.

The College requested Controlling Board Release of Funds for payments to CWRU. Upon the receipt of approved Purchase Order/invoices from the contractor, payment vouchers were processed by the College to CWRU.

The Joint Use Agreement provides the College with use of the Think[box] space to support 1) LCCC Student Based Research Networks, 2) host boot camps for students involved in LCCC's FlexFactor program, 3) host faculty/teacher professional development and training, and 4) support student entrepreneurship projects and training through LCCC and CWRU's Neo LaunchNet Programs, at specific times (during normal operating hours) to be agreed to between CWRU and LCCC. The term of the agreement is for at least 20 years from the time

NOTE 8 – JOINT USE AGREEMENTS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Continued)

ODHE Directive 2022-023 Lorain County Community College and Case Western Reserve University (Continued)

that LCCC has access to the first floor of the Think[box] space. CWRU shall reimburse the State if LCCC's use of the Think[box] is terminated by CWRU prior to the expiration of the 20-year term, calculated by dividing the funds contributed by the state of Ohio by 20 and multiplying that sum by 20 less the number of full years the center is used by the College.

ODHE Directive 2024-010 Lorain County Community College and Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Ohio

On April 30, 2024, under ODHE Directive 2024-010, the College entered into a Joint use Agreement with Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio ("BGCNEO"). Under this Joint Use Agreement, Southern Lorain Boys and Girl Clubs was awarded $250,000 from Ohio House Bill 597 and South Lorain Education and Wellness Center was awarded $350,000 from House Bill 687, via Lorain County Community College, to renovate and construct a Community Center in support of community growth and renewal, career exposure, youth and young adult development, health and wellness, and job readiness. The facility is owned and operated by BGCNEO.

The College will process payment vouchers to BGCNEO upon the receipt of the required and approved documentation, and will be reimbursed 1.5% of the appropriated amount of the funds for administrative costs incurred as a result of the project. As of June 30, 2024, the College has not yet requested release of funds for payments to BGCNEO, and has not received any reimbursement for administrative costs related to the project.

The Joint Use Agreement provides the College the opportunity to offer fitness and wellness events, E-sports programming, career exploration activities, and Flex Factor Boot camps at the Community Center at no cost to the College. In addition, each year, BGCNEO will employ four LCCC student interns at the Community Center to serve as Youth Development Workers in the Club's after school program. The College shall have use of the facility for at least 20 years from the time the building is ready for occupancy. BGCNEO shall reimburse the State if Lorain County Community College's use of the Community Center is terminated prior to the expiration of the 20-year term, calculated by dividing the $600,000 by 20 and multiplying the sum by 20 less the number of full years the Community Center is used by the College.

NOTE 9 – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Noncurrent Liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is summarized as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Other Noncurrent Obligations:					
Direct Placement Bonds					
General Receipts Bonds, 2014	$ 680,000	$ -	$ 450,000	$ 230,000	$ 230,000
General Obligation Bonds					
General Receipts Bonds, 2017	17,475,000	-	665,000	16,810,000	925,000
General Receipts Bonds, 2020	29,445,000	-	2,190,000	27,255,000	2,225,000
Premium on Bonds	1,624,985	-	131,047	1,493,938	-
Financed Purchases	13,754,982	-	911,950	12,843,032	941,181
Lease Obligations	1,773,644	-	677,727	1,095,917	399,637
SBITA Obligations	3,412,856	1,180,982	1,811,138	2,782,700	859,173
Total Other Noncurrent Obligations	68,166,467	1,180,982	6,836,862	62,510,587	5,579,991
Net Pension Liability:					
OPERS	41,286,643	-	4,922,054	36,364,589	-
STRS	38,253,378	-	635,058	37,618,320	-
Total Net Pension Liability	79,540,021	-	5,557,112	73,982,909	-
Net OPEB Liability:					
OPERS	893,332	-	893,332	-	-
Total Net OPEB Liability	893,332	-	893,332	-	-
Other Noncurrent Liabilities					
Compensated Absences	5,711,690	662,999	514,035	5,860,654	705,000
Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities	5,711,690	662,999	514,035	5,860,654	705,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	$ 154,311,510	$ 1,843,981	$ 13,801,341	$ 142,354,150	$ 6,284,991

NOTE 9 – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

Direct Placement Bonds

Series 2004 and Series 2014 Bond Issues

General Receipts Series 2004 bonds were issued in March 2004, with an all-inclusive ("AIC") rate of 4.15%, and repayment over a period of 20 years. The proceeds were used to finance the building of the Entrepreneurship Innovation Center. In November 2014, the College refunded the outstanding balance of its Series 2004 Bonds of $4,145,000 with new Series 2014 General Receipts Bonds, at a rate of 2.19% over the same repayment period remaining for the original Series 2004 Bonds.

In connection with the direct placement bonds, the College has pledged general receipts, excluding State Appropriation receipts and Ad Valorem Tax receipts, to repay these debts. Pledged revenues of a given year may also include specified portions of cash balances carried over from the prior year. The bonds are payable, through their final maturities as listed below, solely from these revenues pledged.

The direct placement bonds contain provisions that in event of default, outstanding principal, interest and accreted amounts accrued on such bonds, may become immediately due and payable.

Principal and interest payments on Series 2014 bonds are due as follows:

Fiscal Years	Series 2014 Bonds		
Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 230,000	$ 2,519	$ 232,519
Total	$ 230,000	$ 2,519	$ 232,519

General Obligation Bonds

Series 2017 Bond Issue

In May 2017, the College issued $21,450,000 of Series 2017 Bonds to refund $21,100,000 of Series 2011 Bonds maturing on and after December 1, 2032. The bond issue was comprised of serial bonds, with an AIC rate of 3.42%. The bonds were issued for an 18.5-year period with a final maturity date of December 1, 2035, and optional call on any date on or after June 1, 2027, in whole or in part (in integral multiples of $5,000).

The net proceeds were placed in the Refunding Escrow Fund to be used to redeem the bonds being refunded on May 23, 2017. As a result, the refunded debt liability as of June 30, 2017 for those refunded bonds of $21,100,000 was considered defeased and the liability for those bonds is not included in the College's financial statements. The College in effect reduced its aggregate debt service payments by $9.56 million over the next 18.5 years and obtained an economic gain (difference between the present values of the old and new debt service payments discounted at the effective interest rate) of $2.96 million.

NOTE 9 – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued)

Series 2017 Bond Issue (Continued)

Principal and interest payments on Series 2017 bonds are due as follows:

Fiscal Years Ended June 30:	Series 2017 Bonds Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 925,000	$ 739,850	$ 1,664,850
2026	1,200,000	697,350	1,897,350
2027	750,000	658,350	1,408,350
2028	805,000	627,250	1,432,250
2029	865,000	593,850	1,458,850
2030-2034	8,630,000	2,200,325	10,830,325
2035-2036	3,635,000	105,450	3,740,450
Total	$ 16,810,000	$ 5,622,425	$ 22,432,425

Series 2020 Bond Issue

In February 2020, the College issued $33,840,000 of Federally Taxable Series 2020 Bonds to refund $13,150,000 of Series 2011 Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2021 and $20,800,000 of Series 2012 Bonds maturing on and after December 1, 2022. The bond issue was comprised of serial bonds, with an AIC rate of 2.32%. The bonds were issued for a 15.8-year period with a final maturity date of December 1, 2035, and optional call on any date on or after December 1, 2030, in whole or in part (in integral multiples of $5,000).

The net proceeds were placed in the Refunding Escrow Fund to be used to redeem the bonds being refunded on February 13, 2020. As a result, the refunded debt liability as of June 30, 2020 for the Series 2011 refunded bonds of $13,150,000 and Series 2012 refunded bonds of $20,800,000 were considered defeased and the liability for those bonds is not included in the College’s financial statements. The College in effect reduced its aggregate debt service payments by $10.71 million over the next 15.8 years and obtained an economic gain (difference between the present values of the old and new debt service payments discounted at the effective interest rate) of $4.57 million.

NOTE 9 – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued)

Series 2020 Bond Issue (Continued)

Principal and interest payments on Series 2020 bonds are due as follows:

Fiscal Years	Series 2020 Bonds		
Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 2,225,000	$ 571,100	$ 2,796,100
2026	2,265,000	532,317	2,797,317
2027	2,800,000	484,779	3,284,779
2028	2,835,000	428,704	3,263,704
2029	2,870,000	368,961	3,238,961
2030-2034	11,730,000	919,449	12,649,449
2035-2036	2,530,000	61,499	2,591,499
Total	$ 27,255,000	$ 3,366,809	$ 30,621,809

In connection with the general receipts bonds described above, the College has pledged general receipts, excluding State Appropriation receipts and Ad Valorem Tax receipts, to repay these debts. Pledged revenues of a given year may also include specified portions of cash balances carried over from the prior year. The bonds are payable, through their final maturities as listed above, solely from these revenues pledged. To provide credit enhancement for the payment of these bonds, the College has entered into an agreement that provides for the withholding and deposit of the College's allocated State Share of Instruction for the payment of Bond Services charges, under certain circumstances.

The general obligation bonds contain provisions that in an event of default, outstanding principal, interest and accreted amounts accrued on such bonds, may become immediately due and payable.

Total principal and interest remaining to be paid on direct placement and general obligation bonds is $53,286,753 as detailed below.

Fiscal Years	Total General Receipts Bonds		
Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 3,380,000	$ 1,313,469	$ 4,693,469
2026	3,465,000	1,229,667	4,694,667
2027	3,550,000	1,143,129	4,693,129
2028	3,640,000	1,055,954	4,695,954
2029	3,735,000	962,811	4,697,811
2030-2034	20,360,000	3,119,774	23,479,774
2035-2036	6,165,000	166,949	6,331,949
Total	$ 44,295,000	$ 8,991,753	$ 53,286,753

NOTE 9 – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued)

Interest paid on direct placement and general obligation bonds during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 amounted to $1,391,167.

Financed Purchases

In July 2019, the College entered into a sixteen-year tax-exempt purchase agreement to finance certain energy conservation improvements. The agreement has a principal component of $16,324,388 and an interest rate of 3.18%. The improvements were substantially completed by fiscal year 2022, and energy savings are contractually guaranteed to offset the costs of the projects and related financing.

Principal and interest payments required under the purchase agreement are due as follows:

Fiscal Years	Financed Purchases		
Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 941,181	$ 400,985	$ 1,342,166
2026	971,348	370,818	1,342,166
2027	1,002,483	339,683	1,342,166
2028	1,034,615	307,551	1,342,166
2029	1,067,778	274,388	1,342,166
2030-2034	5,874,742	836,088	6,710,830
2035-2036	1,950,885	62,364	2,013,249
Total	$ 12,843,032	$ 2,591,877	$ 15,434,909

Interest paid on financed purchases during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 amounted to $430,216.

Net Pension Liability

There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability; however, employer pension contributions are made by the College. For additional information related to the net pension liability, see Note 13.

NOTE 10 – LEASES

Lessee Arrangements

The College leases building space and office equipment from external parties. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, the College records right-of-use assets and lease obligations based on the present value of expected payments over the term of the respective leases. Right-of-use assets are reported as Capital and Right-of-Use Assets, Net in the Statement of Net Position, and the related amortization expense is included in Depreciation and Amortization in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized amortization expense related to right-of-use assets, leases, totaling $510,098.

NOTE 10 – LEASES (Continued)

Lessee Arrangements (Continued)

Principal and interest payments required under lessee arrangements are as follows:

Fiscal Years Ended June 30:	Lease Obligations Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 399,637	$ 23,763	$ 423,400
2026	407,580	13,278	420,858
2027	288,700	4,088	292,788
Total	$ 1,095,917	$ 41,129	$ 1,137,046

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized interest expense related to lease obligations totaling $38,074 which is included in Interest on Debt in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

Lessor Arrangements

The College leases cell tower and building space to external parties. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, the College records deferred inflows of resources and notes receivable based on the present value of expected receipts over the term of the respective leases. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized amortization of deferred inflows related to leases totaling $79,642 and interest income from leases totaling $12,830, which are included in Other Net Nonoperating Revenue in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Notes Receivable - Lessor Arrangements are disclosed in Note 4.

NOTE 11 – SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

The College has subscription-based information technology arrangements with external parties for software, infrastructure and platform services. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, the College records right-of-use assets and obligations based on the present value of expected payments over the term of the subscription. Subscription-based information technology assets are reported as Capital and Right-of-Use Assets, Net in the Statement of Net Position, and the related amortization expense is included in Depreciation and Amortization in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized amortization expense related to right-of-use assets, SBITAs, totaling $2,074,212.

NOTE 11 – SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

Principal and interest payments required under subscription-based information technology arrangements are as follows:

Fiscal Years Ended June 30:	SBITA Obligations Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 859,173	$ 110,744	$ 969,917
2026	1,074,925	84,497	1,159,422
2027	848,602	27,215	875,817
Total	$ 2,782,700	$ 222,456	$ 3,005,156

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the College recognized interest expense related to SBITA obligations totaling $152,344, which is included in Interest on Debt in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

NOTE 12 – STATE SUPPORT

The College is a State-assisted institution of higher education that receives a student performance-based subsidy from the State of Ohio. The subsidy is determined annually based upon the State Share of Instruction ("SSI") formula, an outcomes-based approach, instituted by the State of Ohio.

In addition to the student subsidy, the State of Ohio provides some of the funding for construction of major plant facilities on the College's campuses. The funding is obtained from the issuance of revenue bonds by the Ohio Public Facilities Commission ("OPFC"), which in turn causes the construction and subsequent lease of the facility, by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Upon completion, the Ohio Department of Higher Education turns over control of the facility to the College. The annual debt service charges for principal and interest on the bonds are currently being funded through appropriations to the Ohio Department of Higher Education by the Ohio General Assembly. Neither the obligation for the revenue bonds issued by OPFC nor the annual debt service charges for principal and interest on the bonds are reflected in the College's financial statements.

The facilities are not pledged as collateral for the revenue bonds. Instead, the bonds are supported by a pledge of monies in the Higher Education Bond Service Fund, and future payments to be received by such fund, which is established in the custody of the Treasurer of State. If sufficient monies are not available from this fund, the Ohio Department of Higher Education may assess a special fee uniformly applicable to students in State-assisted institutions of higher education throughout the State.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Net Pension / OPEB Liability (Asset)

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) reported on the Statement of Net Position represents a liability (asset) to employees for pensions/OPEB. Pensions/OPEB are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB are provided to an employee – on a deferred-payment basis – as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions/OPEB is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that have already occurred.

The net pension/OPEB liabilities (assets) represent the College's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the College's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The College cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the College does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB Statements No. 68 and No. 75 assume the liability (asset) is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for OPEB benefits including primarily health care. In most cases, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension/OPEB liabilities within 30 years. If the pension/OPEB amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded (funded) benefits is presented as a long-term net pension/OPEB liability (asset) on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually required contribution outstanding at the end of the year is reported in Accrued Liabilities on the accrual basis of accounting. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 14 for the required OPEB disclosures.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description – Non-teaching College employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS"). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system comprised of three separate pension plans: the Traditional pension plan, a defined benefit plan; the Combined plan, a hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan; and the Member-Directed plan, a defined contribution plan. Effective January 1, 2022 the combined plan is no longer available for member selection. While members (College employees) may elect the Member-Directed plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' Traditional or Combined plans; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the Traditional and Combined plans.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional and Combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill ("SB") 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. Final average salary ("FAS") represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over the member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career. Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount.

The Traditional plan is a defined benefit plan in which a member's retirement benefits are calculated using a formula that considers years of service and FAS. Pension benefits are funded by both member and employer contributions and investment earnings on those contributions.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement, and the retirement formula applied to the FAS for the three member groups under the Traditional plan (see OPERS ACFR referenced above for additional information):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local Age and Service Requirements:	**State and Local Age and Service Requirements:**	**State and Local Age and Service Requirements:**
Age 60 with 5 years of service credit or age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit or age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Formula:	**Formula:**	**Formula:**
2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

When a benefit recipient retiring under the Traditional pension plan has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment ("COLA") is provided on the member's base benefit. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3% simple annual COLA. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3%.

Additionally, a death benefit of $500-$2,500, determined by the number of years of service credit of the retiree, is paid to the beneficiary of a deceased retiree or disability benefit recipient under the Traditional pension plan.

The Combined plan is a defined benefit plan with elements of a defined contribution plan. Members earn a formula benefit similar to, but at a factor less than the Traditional pension plan benefit. This defined benefit is funded by employer contributions and associated investment earnings. Member contributions are deposited into a defined contribution account in which the member self-directs the investment. Upon retirement, the member may choose a defined contribution distribution that is equal to the member's contributions to the plan and investment earnings (or losses). Members may also elect to use their defined contribution account balances to purchase a defined benefit annuity administered by OPERS. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select this plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

Benefits in the Combined plan consist of both an age-and-service formula benefit (defined benefit) and a defined contribution element. The defined benefit element is calculated on the basis of age, FAS, and years of service. Eligibility regarding age and years of service in the Combined plan is the same as the Traditional pension plan.

Members retiring under the Combined plan receive a 3% COLA on the defined benefit portion of their benefit. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3% simple annual COLA. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3%.

Additionally, a death benefit of $500 – $2,500, determined by the number of years of service credit of the retiree, is paid to the beneficiary of a deceased retiree or disability benefit recipient under the Combined plan.

The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to the FAS for the three member groups under the Combined plan (see OPERS ACFR referenced above for additional information):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local Age and Service Requirements:	**State and Local Age and Service Requirements:**	**State and Local Age and Service Requirements:**
Age 60 with 5 years of service credit or age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit or age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Formula:	**Formula:**	**Formula:**
1.0% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	1.0% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	1.0% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the OPERS Board. Member-Directed plan and Combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the Combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

Member-Directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the Member-Directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20% each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions and currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14% of covered payroll for state and local employer units. Member contribution rates, as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, are not to exceed 10% of covered payroll for members in the state and local classifications.

The portion of employer contributions used to fund pension benefits is net of postemployment health care benefits. The portion of the employer's contribution allocated to health care was 0% for 2024 for the Traditional plan. For the Combined plan, the portion of the employer contributions allocated to health care was 2% for 2024. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Member-Directed plan was 4% for 2024. Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. In 2024, the College's contractually required contribution, net of postemployment health care benefits, was $3,460,166. Of this amount, $299,566 is reported as Accrued Liabilities at June 30, 2024.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description – College licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio ("STRS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. The report can be viewed by visiting www.strsoh.org or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 888-227-7877.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) plan, a Defined Contribution ("DC") plan and a Combined ("CO") plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2% of FAS for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (Continued)

decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0.0% upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Effective July 1, 2022, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 3.0% of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2023, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 1.0% of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2024 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2019. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3307.67(E) the STRS Ohio Retirement Board may adjust the COLA upon a determination by the board's actuary that a change will not materially impair the fiscal integrity of the system or is necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the system.

Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2028, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit at any age. Eligibility changes for DB plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2028 when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit at any age.

The DC plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 11.09% of the 14.00% employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 2.91% of the 14.00% employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The CO plan offers features of both the DB plan and the DC plan. In the CO plan, 12% of the 14% member rate goes to the DC plan and 2% is applied to the DB plan. Member contributions to the DC plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB plan. The defined benefit portion of the CO plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

New members who choose the DC plan or CO plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's CO plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS therefore has included all three plan options in the GASB Statement No. 68 schedules of employer allocations and collective pension amounts by employer.

A DB or CO plan member with five or more years of credited service, who is determined to be disabled, may qualify for a disability benefit. New members on or after July 1, 2023, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit to apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (Continued)

A death benefit of $1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB plan. Death benefit coverage up to $2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or CO plans.

Alternative Retirement Plan – Eligible faculty of Ohio's public colleges and universities may choose to enroll in either STRS or an alternative retirement plan ("ARP") offered by their employer. Employees have 120 days from their date of hire to select a retirement plan. For employees who select an ARP, employers are required to remit employer contributions to STRS at a rate of 2.91% of payroll in fiscal year 2024.

Administrative Expenses – The costs of administering the DB and postemployment health care plans are financed by investment income. The administrative and investment costs of the DC plan are financed by participant fees.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 the employer rate was 14% and the plan members were also required to contribute 14% of covered salary.

The College's contractually required contributions to STRS was $3,204,969 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, $111,677 is reported as Accrued Liabilities at June 30, 2024.

Pension Liabilities (Asset), Pension Expense (Reduction in Expense), and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability (asset) was measured as of December 31, 2023 for OPERS and June 30, 2023 for STRS. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023 (OPERS) and June 30, 2023 (STRS), respectively. The College's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was based on the College's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	OPERS Traditional	OPERS Combined	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/Asset Prior Measurement Date	0.139765%	0.159625%	0.172079%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/Asset Current Measurement Date	0.138900%	0.164039%	0.174685%	
Change in Proportionate Share	(0.000865)%	0.004414%	0.002606%	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$ 36,364,589	$ -	$ 37,618,320	$ 73,982,909
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset	$ -	$ 504,224	$ -	$ 504,224
Pension Expense (Reduction in Expense)	$ 1,960,773	$ (22,704)	$ 2,335,012	$ 4,273,081

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Pension Liabilities (Asset), Pension Expense (Reduction in Expense), and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources represent the effect of changes in the net pension liability (asset) due to the difference between projected and actual investment earnings, differences between expected and actual actuarial experience, changes in assumptions and changes in the College's proportion of the collective net pension liability (asset). The deferred outflows and deferred inflows are to be included in pension expense over current and future periods. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings is recognized in pension expense using a straight-line method over a five-year period beginning in the current year. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows resulting from changes in sources other than differences between projected and actual investment earnings are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all members (both active and inactive) using the straight-line method. Employer contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date are also required to be reported as a Deferred Outflow of Resources.

At June 30, 2024, the College reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS Traditional	OPERS Combined	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
College Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	$ 1,725,419	$ 48,539	$ 3,204,969	$ 4,978,927
Differences in Employer Contributions and Change in Proportionate Share	-	3,407	304,849	308,256
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	7,339,925	82,009	-	7,421,934
Change in Assumptions	-	18,713	3,098,072	3,116,785
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	594,348	20,433	1,371,485	1,986,266
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 9,659,692	$ 173,101	$ 7,979,375	$ 17,812,168

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Pension Liabilities (Asset), Pension Expense (Reduction in Expense), and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

At June 30, 2024, the College reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS Traditional	OPERS Combined	STRS	Total
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Differences in Employer Contributions and Change in Proportionate Share	$ 442,763	$ 115,548	$ 1,059,797	$ 1,618,108
Change in Assumptions	-	-	2,331,958	2,331,958
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	-	112,743	112,743
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	49,871	83,477	133,348
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	$ 442,763	$ 165,419	$ 3,587,975	$ 4,196,157

The $4,978,927 reported as Deferred Outflows of Resources related to pensions resulting from College contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability or an addition to the Net Pension Asset in the year ending June 30, 2025.

Other amounts reported as Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS Traditional	OPERS Combined	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:				
2025	$ 1,423,119	$ (6,318)	$ (784,179)	$ 632,622
2026	2,429,643	2,930	(1,716,615)	715,958
2027	4,683,927	26,824	3,812,746	8,523,497
2028	(1,045,179)	(33,829)	(125,521)	(1,204,529)
2029	-	(17,230)	-	(17,230)
Thereafter	-	(13,234)	-	(13,234)
Total	$ 7,491,510	$ (40,857)	$ 1,186,431	$ 8,637,084

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The active member population which consists of members in the Traditional and Combined plans is assumed to remain constant. For purposes of financing the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities, total payroll is assumed to grow at the wage inflation rate indicated below.

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Information	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan
Valuation Date	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2023
Experience Study	5-year period ended December 31, 2020	5-year period ended December 31, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial Assumptions:		
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%	6.90%
Wage Inflation	2.75%	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases, Including 2.75% Inflation	2.75% to 10.75%	2.75% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 Retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 Retirees	2.30% Simple through 2024, then 2.05% Simple	2.30% Simple through 2024, then 2.05% Simple

OPERS conducts an experience study every five years in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 145.22. The study for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020 and methods and assumptions were approved and adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees.

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return 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, adjusted for inflation.

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed plan. The money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for changing amounts actually invested for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a gain of 11.2% for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets within the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2023 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	24.00%	2.85%
Domestic Equities	21.00	4.27%
Real Estate	13.00	4.46%
Private Equity	15.00	7.52%
International Equities	20.00	5.16%
Risk Parity	2.00	4.38%
Other Investments	5.00	3.46%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits 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.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following table presents the College's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9%, as well as what the College's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9%) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (5.9%)	Current Discount Rate (6.9%)	1% Increase (7.9%)
Traditional Plan			
College's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	$ 57,247,635	$ 36,364,589	$ 18,995,964
Combined Plan			
College's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Asset	$ 305,113	$ 504,224	$ 661,077

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Varies by service from 2.5% to 8.5%
Payroll increase	3.00%
Investment Rate of Return	7.00% net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00%
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	0.00%

Demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)

STRS's investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long Term Expected Rate of Return **
Domestic Equity	26.00%	6.60%
International Equity	22.00	6.80%
Alternatives	19.00	7.38%
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75%
Real Estate	10.00	5.75%
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00%
Total	100.00%	

* Final target reflected at October 1, 2022.

** 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25%, and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS's investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rates described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following table presents the College's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the College's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
College's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	$ 57,848,648	$ 37,618,320	$ 20,508,996

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

See Note 13 for a description of the net OPEB asset.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description –OPERS administers three separate pension plans: the Traditional pension plan, a defined benefit plan; the Combined plan, a hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan; and the Member-Directed plan, a defined contribution plan. Effective January 1, 2022 the Combined plan is no longer available for member selection. While members (College employees) may elect the Member-Directed plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' Traditional or Combined plans; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the Traditional and Combined plans.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement ("HRA") to qualifying benefit recipients of both the Traditional pension and the Combined plans.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the Traditional pension and Combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an OPEB as described in GASB Statement No. 75. See OPERS' ACFR referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2024, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14% of earnable salary. This is the maximum employer contribution rate permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional pension plan was 0% during fiscal year 2024. For the Combined plan, the portion of the employer contributions allocated to health care was 2% during fiscal year 2024. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Member-Directed plan was 4% during fiscal year 2024.

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The College's contractually required contributions to OPERS health care plans was $52,701 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, $4,137 is reported in Accrued Liabilities at June 30, 2024.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Health care premiums were reduced by a Medicare Part B premium credit beginning in 2023. The Plan is included in the STRS financial report, which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling 888-227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

OPEB Asset, OPEB Reduction in Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB asset was measured as of December 31, 2023 for OPERS and June 30, 2023 for STRS. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2023, respectively. The College's proportion of the net OPEB asset was based on the College's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

OPEB Asset, Reduction in OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

Following is information related to the proportionate share and reduction in OPEB expense:

	OPERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net OPEB Asset Prior Measurement Date	0.141682%	0.172079%	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Asset Current Measurement Date	0.140202%	0.174685%	
Change in Proportionate Share	(0.001480%)	0.002606%	
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset	$ (1,265,355)	$ (3,397,382)	$ (4,662,737)
Reduction in OPEB Expense	$ (101,911)	$ (220,865)	$ (322,776)

At June 30, 2024, the College reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
College Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	$ 25,613	$ -	$ 25,613
Differences in Employer Contributions and Change in Proportionate Share	12,157	17,349	29,506
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	759,919	6,065	765,984
Changes in Assumptions	325,766	500,485	826,251
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	5,296	5,296
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 1,123,455	$ 529,195	$ 1,652,650

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

OPEB Asset, Reduction in OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

At June 30, 2024, the College reported deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences in Employer Contributions and Change in Proportionate Share	$ 275	$ 32,728	$ 33,003
Changes in Assumptions	543,939	2,241,543	2,785,482
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	180,096	518,184	698,280
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	$ 724,310	$ 2,792,455	$ 3,516,765

The $25,613 reported as Deferred Outflows of Resources related to OPEB resulting from College contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net OPEB Liability or an addition to the Net OPEB Asset in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	OPERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	$ (24,568)	$ (991,016)	$ (1,015,584)
2026	63,169	(468,542)	(405,373)
2027	591,529	(176,629)	414,900
2028	(256,598)	(239,106)	(495,704)
2029	-	(218,483)	(218,483)
Thereafter	-	(169,484)	(169,484)
Total	$ 373,532	$ (2,263,260)	$ (1,889,728)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Health Care Costs Trend Rate	5.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2038
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual entry age
Investment Rate of Return	6.00%
Municipal Bond Rate:	
Current Measurement Date	3.77%
Prior Measurement Date	4.05%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases, Including 2.75% Inflation	2.75% - 10.75%
Single Discount Rate:	
Current Measurement Date	5.70%
Prior Measurement Date	5.22%

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return 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, adjusted for inflation.

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional pension plan, Combined plan and Member-Directed plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was a gain of 14.0% for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2023 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	37.00%	2.82%
Domestic Equities	25.00	4.27%
Real Estate Investment Trust	5.00	4.68%
International Equities	25.00	5.16%
Risk Parity	3.00	4.38%
Other Investments	5.00	2.43%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate: A single discount rate of 5.70% was used to measure the total OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2023; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning or the year was 5.22%. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00% and a municipal bond rate of 3.77% for 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through the year 2070. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2070, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following table presents the College's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset calculated using the single discount rate of 5.70%, as well as what the College's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.70%) or one-percentage-point higher (6.70%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (4.70%)	Current Discount Rate (5.70%)	1% Increase (6.70%)
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	$ 695,402	$ (1,265,355)	$ (2,889,563)

Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB asset. The following table presents the net OPEB asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0% lower or 1.0% higher than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset	$ (1,317,899)	$ (1,265,355)	$ (1,205,737)

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2024 is 5.50%. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that the health care cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in the most recent valuation.

Assumption Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date: Municipal bond rate decreased from 4.05% to 3.77%.

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation are presented below:

Salary Increases	Varies by service from 2.5% to 8.5%
Payroll Increases	3.00%
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00%

Health Care Cost Trends	Initial	Ultimate
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50%	4.14%
Medicare	(10.94%)	4.14%
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	(11.95%)	4.14%
Medicare	1.33%	4.14%

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long Term Expected Rate of Return **
Domestic Equity	26.00%	6.60%
International Equity	22.00	6.80%
Alternatives	19.00	7.38%
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75%
Real Estate	10.00	5.75%
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00%
Total	100.00%	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

** 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25%, and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS's investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00% was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rates: The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
College's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Asset	$ 2,875,440	$ 3,397,382	$ 3,851,940

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
College's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Asset	$ 3,873,033	$ 3,397,382	$ 2,824,471

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)

Assumption Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date: Changes in key assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the prior year are presented below:

Health Care Cost Trends	Initial	Ultimate
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50%	3.94%
Medicare	(68.78%)	3.94%
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	9.00%	3.94%
Medicare	(5.47%)	3.94%

Benefit Term Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date: Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience.

NOTE 15 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN

An Alternative Retirement Plan ("ARP") was approved by the College's Board of Trustees on January 28, 1999, with an effective date of March 1, 1999. The ARP is a defined contribution pension plan available to full-time employees in lieu of participation in OPERS and STRS. For the employees who elected participation in ARP, prior employee contributions to OPERS and STRS were transferred from those plans and invested in individual accounts established with selected external investments managers. The ARP is self-directed and is not maintained by the College.

The ARP does not provide disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, post-retirement health care benefits or death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are entirely dependent on the sum of contributions and investment returns earned by each participant's choice of investment options.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, contributions equal to those required by OPERS and STRS are required to be made to the ARP; however, a portion (which may be revised pursuant to periodic actuarial studies) of the employer contribution must be contributed to OPERS or STRS to enhance the stability of those plans.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the College's required contributions for pension obligations and employee contributions to the plan were $114,674 and $86,351 respectively. As of June 30, 2024, 92.8% of the College's contributions have been contributed, with the balance included in Accrued Liabilities.

NOTE 16 - OTHER NET NONOPERATING REVENUE

Other Net Nonoperating Revenue for fiscal year 2024 includes the following:

Amortization of Deferred Inflows of Resources, Leases	$	79,642
Interest Income, Leases		12,830
Gain on Lease Termination		12,321
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets, Net		12,695
Other, Net		(26,994)
Other Net Nonoperating Revenue	$	90,494

NOTE 17 – LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES

Grants

The College receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed amounts resulting from this or any other such audits could become a liability of the College.

The Grants Officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's investment in the LCCC SMART Microsystems MEMS Equipment Upgrades 2023 project may require the College to execute and to record (as applicable) a statement of interest, financing statement (form UCC-1), lien, or other public notice of record to indicate that property acquired in whole or in part with Federal funds is subject to the Federal Interest, and that certain use and disposition requirements apply to the property. As of June 30, 2024, the Grants Officer has not requested execution of any of the aforementioned items.

Litigation

During the normal course of its operations, the College has become a defendant in various legal actions. It is not possible to estimate the outcome of these legal actions; however, in the opinion of legal counsel and the College administration, the disposition of these pending cases will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of the College.

NOTE 18 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The College maintains property and casualty liability insurance. The College has not incurred significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Settled claims against College liability policies have not exceeded policy limits in any of the past three fiscal years.

The College also has self-insured health and dental coverage for its employees. The College's risk exposure is limited to claims incurred and stop-loss insurance is held. Medical Mutual of Ohio administers claims for the College. The claims liability of $1,326,163 at June 30, 2024 is included in Accrued Liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues,* which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported.

NOTE 18 - RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Changes in claims activity for the past three fiscal years are as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30:		
	2024	2023	2022
Balance at Beginning of Year	$ 1,326,983	$ 1,226,294	$ 1,133,454
Current Year Claims	6,697,889	5,723,392	5,279,426
Claims Payments	(6,698,709)	(5,622,703)	(5,186,586)
Balance at End of Year	$ 1,326,163	$ 1,326,983	$ 1,226,294

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Nature of Activities – Lorain County Community College Foundation, Inc. ("the Foundation"), a non-governmental, non-profit Ohio corporation established for the exclusive benefit and support of Lorain County Community College ("the College"), assembles and utilizes its resources solely to assist and support the College in the achievement of its mission and vision.

B. Accounting Method – The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared utilizing the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial statement presentation follows Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standard Codification ("ASC") 958, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. The Foundation has reported information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions.

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions
This category includes net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. This category periodically includes net assets designated by the LCCC Foundation Board of Directors ("the Board"). At June 30, 2024, there were board designated net assets of $4,421,896. As of June 30, 2024 there was a deficit in undesignated net assets without donor restrictions totaling $51,724.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions
This category includes net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by actions of the Board/Foundation and/or the passage of time and net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Foundation. It also includes earnings from endowments with donor restrictions net of amounts appropriated by the Board of Directors.

C. Net Asset Transfers – From time to time, the Foundation's donors reconsider the nature of gifts to the Foundation and request reclassification of net asset balances to more closely align with the intention of their donations. The Foundation records these net asset reclassifications as net asset transfers between net asset classifications.

D. Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents – The Foundation classifies its checking and money market accounts as cash. Any cash or cash equivalents maintained within professionally managed accounts are classified as investments, due to the overall non-current investment strategy of their investment philosophy.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Investments – Investment income includes realized and unrealized gains and losses, and interest and dividends, net of investment management fees, which are reported in the changes in net assets in the accompanying statement of activities.

G. Fair Value Reporting – Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, financial and nonfinancial assets and liabilities are required to be remeasured on an annual basis. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price) and establishes a fair value hierarchy based upon the inputs used to measure fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical unrestricted assets or liabilities (for example, exchange quoted prices).

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are observable inputs, other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices in markets that are not sufficiently active to qualify as Level 1, other observable inputs or inputs that can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (for example, supported by little or no market activity).

Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input significant to the fair value measurement. The Foundation's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of the fair value of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

The Foundation has determined the fair value of the investments to be within Levels 1, 2 and 3, as summarized herein, of the hierarchy. The Foundation's investments in equity securities and mutual funds are valued with quoted prices in active markets that are considered to be Level 1 inputs. Investments in money market funds are considered to be Level 2 inputs. Investments in limited partnerships which are based on the change in the equity partnership are considered to be Level 3 inputs and are fully reserved.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Fair Value Reporting (Continued)

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that a change in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Certain investments in funds established by private investment companies are valued based upon the net asset value ("NAV") provided by the fund manager as a practical expedient. As allowed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these investments are not included in the fair value levels described above.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of June 30, 2024 in valuing the Foundation's investments carried at fair value:

	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money market funds	$ 461,441	$ -	$ 461,441	$ -
Equity mutual funds	53,187,447	53,187,447	-	-
Bond mutual funds	6,594,451	6,594,451	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	60,243,339	$ 59,781,898	$ 461,441	$ -
Investments value at NAV	3,144,321			
	$ 63,387,660			

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement as of the reporting date.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Fair Value Reporting (Continued)

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs) are as follows:

Beginning balance	$ -
Distributions	-
Contributions	-
Management fee	-
Unrealized gain (loss)	(47,672)
Valuation allowance	47,672
Ending balance	$ -

H. Equipment and Software – Equipment and software are recorded at historical cost or fair market value in case of donation. Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method over the useful lives of the respective assets, which generally range from three to seven years. The Foundation capitalizes all long-lived assets that cost more than $1,000 and have a useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation expense was $3,352 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2024 was $39,975.

I. Contributions – The Foundation recognizes contributions as revenue in the period in which the pledge (unconditional promise to give) is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized as revenue until conditions are met. As of June 30, 2024, the Foundation had $2,621,583 of conditional promises to give that will be recognized as contribution revenue as conditions are substantially met.

Grants from the State of Ohio and collaborating colleges and universities related to the Innovation Fund are conditional based on criteria included within the grant and collaboration agreements. The Innovation Fund recognizes revenue from these agencies when the conditions are fulfilled and the Foundation has requested reimbursement.

J. Contributed Nonfinancial Assets – For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Foundation recognized nonfinancial contributions of $189,970. The nonfinancial contributions were services provided by the College in support of the administrative and fundraising operations of the Foundation. The contributions consisted of salaries and benefits related to personnel, printing and copying services, travel and meals, and telephone services. The contributions are valued at actual costs incurred by the College but not reimbursed by the Foundation.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

K. Donated Services – Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills and would otherwise be purchased by the Foundation. Note 1.J. to the financial statements discloses the value of services and miscellaneous expenses donated by the College to the Foundation during the year ended June 30, 2024.

L. Foundation Support Fee – Excluding unconditional promises to give, the Foundation allocates a 1.25% foundation support fee on net assets with donor restrictions that are endowed or have a projected lifespan of three years or more and have a fund balance of greater than $15,000. The support is used to provide for indirect program, management and general, and fundraising expenses. The total amount charged to donor-restricted net assets related to this fee was $636,036 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

M. Functional Allocation of Expenses – The cost of providing various programs and supporting services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and by natural classification in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program services, management and general, and fundraising.

Activities of the Foundation that are not directly related to program services are classified as management and general or fundraising activities. Management and general activities are those related to the general operations of the Foundation including investment management, accounting, auditing, tax preparation, board management, insurance, payroll, legal, record keeping and personnel. Fundraising activities are those related to the strategic cultivation and solicitation of contributions, stewardship of donors and related programs, fundraising and recognition events, development of marketing materials through various media and promoting community relationships. Costs for management and general as well as fundraising are allocated based on the nature of the expense incurred. Individual expenses are categorized as expensed. Personnel costs are allocated based on the effective use of employee's time and effort.

N. Income Taxes – The Foundation is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) as a non-governmental, non-profit entity under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken and, as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. As of June 30, 2024, the Foundation's income tax years from 2020 and thereafter remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, as well as various state and local taxing authorities.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 2. Unconditional Promises to Give

Unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Receivable in less than one year	$ 1,519,500
Receivable in one to five years	3,685,500
Receivable in six to ten years	60,000
Receivable in greater than ten years	-
Total unconditional promises to give	5,265,000
Less discounts to present value	(148,532)
Less valuation reserves for uncollectible promises to give	(3,513)
Net unconditional promises to give	$ 5,112,955

The discount rate used on long-term promises to give was 2.00% at June 30, 2024. Pledges receivable restricted for long-term purposes of $1,149,000 are due in less than one year as of June 30, 2024.

The Foundation has estimated a reserve for uncollectible promises to give based upon management's review of current outstanding promises to give, current economic conditions and historical collections of $3,513 at June 30, 2024. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Foundation directly wrote off uncollectible promises to give of $30,000, and recognized a change in the reserve for uncollectible promises to give of $3,513.

Note 3. Investments

Investments are carried at fair value and are summarized as follows:

	June 30, 2024	
	Cost	Fair Value
Money market funds	$ 461,441	$ 461,441
Equity mutual funds	36,358,313	53,187,447
Bond mutual funds	7,189,506	6,594,451
Alternative investment	2,850,000	3,144,321
Limited partnership	219,560	-
	$ 47,078,820	$ 63,387,660

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 3. Investments (Continued)

Investment income for the year ended June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

Interest and dividends	$	2,232,556
Net realized and unrealized gain		5,280,326
Management fees		(97,475)
Total investment income	$	7,415,407

Alternative Investments
The Foundation's alternative investments include investments in the Black Diamond Arbitrage Ltd. Fund ("the Fund"). As of June 30, 2024, the fair value of investments in the Fund were $2,195,596. The strategy includes investments in a single-strategy event-driven fund. Event-driven strategies center on investing in securities of companies facing a major corporate event. There are no unfunded commitments relating to this investment, and the Fund offers monthly liquidations with a 45-day notice.

The Foundation's alternative investments also include private equity positions held in a portfolio of companies as held by GLASfunds SPC. As of June 30, 2024, the fair value of investments in the Fund were $948,725. As of June 30, 2024, there were unfunded commitments relating to this investment of $1,400,000.

Mutual Capital Partners Fund Partnership
During 2011, the Foundation's Board approved program support of $50,000 per year for five years with Mutual Capital Partners ("MCP"). Under this agreement, MCP will provide specific deliverables to enhance the College's entrepreneurship program including: internships and jobs for Lorain County Community College students with MCP companies, build an entrepreneurial speaker series and mentor Innovation Fund and GLIDE companies and initiatives.

This programmatic relationship qualified the Foundation as an investor in the Mutual Capital Partners Fund II, an Ohio limited partnership. Payments of $250,000 have been made. At June 30, 2024, the valuation of this investment was $258,808, but due to the speculative nature of the investment was fully reserved. The partnership's annual administrative fee was $-0- for the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 4. Charitable Remainder Trust

The Foundation was named co-beneficiary of a charitable remainder unitrust. Despite the fact the trust is irrevocably funded, no amount has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements, as the naming and changing of the charities in the trust is revocable by the trustees.

Note 5. Net Assets

In 2016, the Board of Directors of the Foundation established a board designated operating reserve for the support of ongoing activities of the Foundation. The reserve totaled $3,066,205 as of June 30, 2024. The Board approves allocations from the operating reserve annually to fund ongoing operations.

In 2018, the Board of Directors of the Foundation established a board designated endowment from a donor's unrestricted gift. The purpose of the fund is to generate annual support for the campus grants program. The fund totaled $38,597 as of June 30, 2024.

In 2021, the Board of Directors of the Foundation established two board designated endowments from two donors' unrestricted gifts. The purpose of the funds are to generate unrestricted annual support. The funds totaled $595,691 as of June 30, 2024.

In 2022, the Board of Directors of the Foundation established a board designated endowment from a donor's unrestricted gift. The purpose of the fund is to generate unrestricted annual support. The fund totaled $721,403 as of June 30, 2024.

Net assets with donor restrictions are placed in one of two categories: net assets with donor restrictions for a specific purpose or specified time or net assets maintained permanently by the Foundation as endowments.

Net assets with donor restrictions for a specific purpose or specified time as of June 30, 2024 were for the following purposes:

Support of the College's faculty, programs, facilities and Foundation's operation	$ 10,233,256
Innovation fund	1,052,963
Scholarships	925,143
Total net assets with donor restrictions for a specific purpose or specified time	$ 12,211,362

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 5. Net Assets (Continued)

Net assets with donor restrictions to be maintained permanently as endowments as of June 30, 2024 were comprised of the following amounts, the earnings of which were available for the following purposes:

Support of the College's faculty, programs and facilities	$ 23,909,010
Scholarships	23,367,947
Operations and general support	6,435,522
Total net assets with donor restrictions to be maintained permanently as endowments	$ 53,712,479

Net assets released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or passage of time for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Support of the College's faculty, programs, facilities and Foundation's operation	$ 1,315,176
Innovation fund disbursements	65
Scholarships	1,276,585
Total restrictions released	$ 2,591,826

Note 6. Endowments

The Foundation's endowment includes 209 scholarship funds and 23 program funds. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA"), as adopted by the State of Ohio, as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as net assets with donor restrictions to be maintained permanently: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 6. Endowments (Continued)

The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in net assets with donor restrictions to be maintained permanently is classified as net assets with donor restrictions for specific purposes or specified period of time until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation 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 various funds, (2) the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment funds, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Foundation and (7) the Foundation's investment policies.

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters and Strategies
The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the Board of Directors, for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment funds while also preserving the fair value of those endowment assets over the long-term. Accordingly, the investment process seeks to achieve an after-cost total real rate of return, including investment income as well as capital appreciation, which exceeds the annual distribution with acceptable levels of risk.

Endowment assets are invested in a well-diversified asset mix, which includes money market funds, mutual equity and bond funds and alternatives intended to result in a consistent inflation-protected rate of return that has sufficient liquidity to make annual distributions in accordance with the Foundation's Investment and Allocation Policy of up to 4.5% of the audited June 30 trailing three-year moving market value average of net assets with donor restrictions to be maintained permanently. By this practice, the Foundation expects its endowment assets, over time, to produce an average rate of return in excess of 6% which allows for transfers of endowed net assets in accordance with both the spending policy and foundation support fee policy, while maintaining growth within the endowment. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount. Investment risk is measured in terms of the total endowment fund; investment assets and allocation between asset classes and strategies are managed to not expose the fund to unacceptable levels of risk.

Spending Policy
The Foundation has a policy of appropriating for distribution, on an annual basis and subject to Board approval, up to 4.5% of the audited June 30 trailing three-year moving average balances of the net assets with donor restrictions that are to be maintained permanently. This is in addition to the Foundation support fee described in Note 1. The Foundation charges a foundation support fee to offset the costs of operating the Foundation. In establishing these policies, the Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its investment assets, the nature and duration of the individual endowment funds, many of which must be maintained in perpetuity because of donor restrictions, and the possible effects of inflation. The Foundation expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow over the long-term. This is consistent with the Foundation's objective to preserve the fair value of the endowment assets as

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 6. Endowments (Continued)

well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return. All withdrawals or transfers to other funds are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Underwater Endowments
Due to market performance, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may, from time to time, fall below a balance required by a) the Foundation's interpretations of UPMIFA or b) the fund's respective donor agreement or originating gifting document. The Foundation's Board reviews endowment earnings and spending at least twice annually, as part of the annual budget review and at the year-end financial statement review. During these periods, the Foundation's Board identifies affected funds and makes spending adjustments if required. Taking donor intentions into account, the Board, along with management support, has made it a practice of decreasing or eliminating spending from underwater funds on a case-by-case basis.

As of June 30, 2024, no donor-restricted endowment funds had aggregated original gift values less than current fair values. At all times, spending was in accordance with the Foundation's spending policy.

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	$ 1,196,720	$ 46,092,461	$ 47,289,181
Investment return:			
Administrative fee	560,457	(560,457)	-
Investment income, net	45,782	1,764,002	1,809,784
Net appreciation (realized and unrealized)	113,190	4,356,198	4,469,388
Total investment return - endowed	719,429	5,559,743	6,279,172
Contributions	-	1,391,874	1,391,874
Special events	-	29,406	29,406
Net asset transfers	-	152,452	152,452
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(560,457)	(1,173,165)	(1,733,622)
Endowment net assets, end of year	$ 1,355,692	$ 52,052,771	$ 53,408,463

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 7. Related Party

As described in Note 1, the Foundation is affiliated with, but separate from, the College.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Foundation provided scholarships and support to the College of $2,729,326.

At June 30, 2024, amounts due to the College and included within "accounts, support and grants payable" totaled $660,583.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Foundation made contributions of $150,000 to Citizens for LCCC, and are included in support for the College. Citizens for LCCC is a non-profit political action committee organized to enhance public support for the College. These contributions fall within the mission of the Foundation as Citizens for LCCC supports the growth of the College through support for tax levies benefiting the College.

At June 30, 2024, amounts due from a related party totaled $-0-.

Note 8. Concentrations

The Foundation maintains cash balances at a bank. The deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to $250,000. These limits are subject to change by the FDIC. The Foundation's cash balances may exceed this amount from time to time.

At June 30, 2024, one donor's promise to give represented approximately 76% of the outstanding unconditional promises to give.

Note 9. Innovation Fund Program

The purpose of the Innovation Fund program is to foster entrepreneurship and jobs growth by providing multi-year conditional awards to start-up businesses that create or enhance technology. The Foundation's objective in providing these awards is programmatic and not the return of principal.

The Innovation Fund program bestows awards in two categories, Type A awards and Type B awards. Type A awards are up to $25,000 and contain no right of replenishment. Type B awards are greater than $25,000 and up to $100,000 and contain a right of replenishment. Innovation Fund awards are expensed when all conditions of the award are fulfilled.

Awards Payable
During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Foundation made Innovation Fund award payments of $-0- to entities selected by the Innovation Fund Committee. At June 30, 2024, the Foundation had additional unpaid awards of $-0-, which were considered conditional and, therefore, not included within accounts payable.

Through the life of the Innovation Fund program, the Foundation has made award commitments of $12,762,500 of which $1,127,105 has been forfeited to date. The net remaining award commitment is $-0-.

NOTE 19 – LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC. (Continued)

Note 9. Innovation Fund Program (Continued)

Innovation Fund Award Replenishment

The Foundation holds a right of replenishment over all Type B funds awarded. The Foundation made 101 Type B Innovation Fund awards since inception of the program.

It is the policy of the Foundation to fully reserve against the possibility of replenishment at the time of the award based on insufficient financial information regarding the future collectability of these awards, creating a net $-0- effect to receivables. If the right of replenishment is exercised for an award, the receivable will be recorded at the time the Foundation determines an entity is financially viable for repayment of its Innovation Fund award.

The Foundation has not recorded an estimate of funds receivable from award replenishment because the amount cannot be reasonably estimated. As such, the Foundation's ability to realize these amounts is based on the financial success of the recipients. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Foundation received $156,896 of Innovation Fund replenishment income.

Note 10. Liquidity

Within the spending parameters of the annual Board approved budget, the Foundation has created a cash reserve within its investments pool that is equal to the estimated annual spending of the Foundation’s budget. Spending is reviewed quarterly and the Board approves liquidations of investments as necessary and in keeping with Foundation spending policies.

Liquid financial assets available for general expenditure within one year are as follows as of June 30, 2024:

Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,520,382
Investments	63,387,660
Amount of unconditional promises to give, net due within one year excluding amounts dedicated to donor-restricted funds to be maintained permanently	370,500
Total financial assets	66,278,542
Less funds not available for general expenditure within one year:	
Net assets with restrictions to be maintained permanently as endowments	(53,712,479)
Financial assets available within one year for general expenditure	$ 12,566,063

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LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)
Last Ten Years

Traditional Plan	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.138900%	0.139765%	0.149650%	0.141470%	0.149537%	0.151244%	0.152558%	0.148955%	0.146821%	0.145163%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$ 36,364,589	$ 41,286,643	$ 13,020,155	$ 20,948,627	$ 29,557,002	$ 41,422,665	$ 23,933,394	$ 33,825,147	$ 25,431,247	$ 17,508,280
College's Covered Payroll	$ 23,426,285	$ 22,298,709	$ 22,420,745	$ 20,687,326	$ 21,769,147	$ 20,428,200	$ 20,160,762	$ 19,255,483	$ 18,273,283	$ 17,797,083
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	155.23%	185.15%	58.07%	101.26%	135.77%	202.77%	118.71%	175.67%	139.17%	98.38%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	79.01%	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%

Combined Plan	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset	0.164039%	0.159625%	0.140734%	0.107113%	0.090997%	0.089298%	0.083699%	0.102236%	0.112970%	0.128382%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset	$ (504,224)	$ (376,220)	$ (554,499)	$ (309,196)	$ (189,750)	$ (99,854)	$ (113,941)	$ (56,901)	$ (54,973)	$ (49,430)
College's Covered Payroll	$ 753,250	$ 740,638	$ 641,600	$ 427,050	$ 405,079	$ 381,921	$ 342,785	$ 397,958	$ 411,102	$ 469,284
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	(66.94%)	(50.80%)	(86.42%)	(65.50%)	(46.84%)	(26.15%)	(33.24%)	(14.30%)	(13.37%)	(10.53%)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	144.55%	137.14%	169.88%	157.67%	145.28%	126.64%	137.28%	116.55%	116.90%	114.83%

Note: The College's proportionate share of OPERS Net Pension Liability (Asset) is based on December 31 measurement date of the prior year.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS)

Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.174685%	0.172079%	0.173986%	0.182228%	0.181731%	0.190716%	0.188070%	0.194585%	0.201663%	0.203107%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$ 37,618,320	$ 38,253,378	$ 22,245,665	$ 44,092,775	$ 40,188,657	$ 41,934,268	$ 44,676,344	$ 65,133,435	$ 55,733,658	$ 49,402,593
College's Covered Payroll	$ 23,687,056	$ 22,437,611	$ 21,539,898	$ 22,032,251	$ 21,428,961	$ 21,717,839	$ 20,773,615	$ 20,578,194	$ 21,134,244	$ 22,441,815
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	158.81%	170.49%	103.28%	200.13%	187.54%	193.09%	215.06%	316.52%	263.71%	220.14%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.00%	78.90%	87.80%	75.50%	77.40%	77.30%	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the College's measurement date for the prior year STRS plan which has a fiscal year end of June 30.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Contributions - Pension
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Traditional Plan	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contributions	$ 3,370,437	$ 3,150,670	$ 3,050,196	$ 2,706,208	$ 2,990,050	$ 2,888,698	$ 2,538,896	$ 2,361,613	$ 2,290,207	$ 2,106,451
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	(3,370,437)	(3,150,670)	(3,050,196)	(2,706,208)	(2,990,050)	(2,888,698)	(2,538,896)	(2,361,613)	(2,290,207)	(2,106,451)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
College Covered Payroll	$ 24,667,538	$ 23,162,723	$ 22,491,408	$ 22,069,376	$ 22,097,936	$ 20,633,554	$ 18,806,637	$ 18,892,904	$ 19,085,058	$ 17,553,758
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	13.66%	13.60%	13.56%	13.48%	13.53%	14.00%	13.50%	12.50%	12.00%	12.00%

Combined Plan	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contributions	$ 89,729	$ 103,166	$ 98,478	$ 70,709	$ 58,452	$ 55,421	$ 49,016	$ 46,159	$ 48,544	$ 52,823
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	(89,729)	(103,166)	(98,478)	(70,709)	(58,452)	(55,421)	(49,016)	(46,159)	(48,544)	(52,823)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
College Covered Payroll	$ 747,742	$ 793,585	$ 703,414	$ 505,064	$ 417,514	$ 395,863	$ 363,078	$ 369,268	$ 404,529	$ 440,192
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	12.00%	13.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.50%	12.50%	12.00%	12.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Contributions - Pensions
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contributions	$ 3,204,969	$ 3,303,219	$ 3,131,953	$ 3,005,817	$ 3,075,096	$ 2,990,823	$ 3,031,266	$ 2,899,165	$ 2,871,806	$ 2,949,653
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	(3,204,969)	(3,303,219)	(3,131,953)	(3,005,817)	(3,075,096)	(2,990,823)	(3,031,266)	(2,899,165)	(2,871,806)	(2,949,653)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
College Covered Payroll	$ 22,981,759	$ 23,687,056	$ 22,437,611	$ 21,539,898	$ 22,032,251	$ 21,428,961	$ 21,717,839	$ 20,773,615	$ 20,578,194	$ 21,134,244
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	13.95%	13.95%	13.96%	13.95%	13.96%	13.96%	13.96%	13.96%	13.96%	13.96%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)
Last Eight Years (1)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
College's Proportion of the Net OPEB Asset/Liability	0.140202%	0.141682%	0.150351%	0.141224%	0.148527%	0.150933%	0.153610%	0.152958%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability	$ (1,265,355)	$ 893,332	$ (4,709,224)	$ (2,516,018)	$ 20,515,436	$ 19,678,098	$ 16,680,913	$ 15,449,312
College's Covered Payroll	$ 25,275,716	$ 24,239,066	$ 24,150,037	$ 22,097,290	$ 23,179,607	$ 21,892,371	$ 21,994,305	$ 21,373,862
College's Proportion of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	(5.01%)	3.69%	(19.50%)	(11.39%)	88.51%	89.89%	75.84%	72.28%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	107.76%	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	49.90%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.

The College's proportionate share of OPERS Net OPEB liability (asset) is based on December 31 measurement date of the prior year.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS)
Last Eight Fiscal Years (1)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
College's Proportion of the Net OPEB Asset/Liability	0.174685%	0.172079%	0.173986%	0.182228%	0.181731%	0.190716%	0.188070%	0.194585%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability	$ (3,397,382)	$ (4,455,699)	$ (3,668,351)	$ (3,202,660)	$ (3,009,896)	$ (3,064,617)	$ 7,337,784	$ 10,406,452
College's Covered Payroll	$ 23,687,056	$ 22,437,611	$ 21,539,898	$ 22,032,251	$ 21,428,961	$ 21,717,839	$ 20,773,615	$ 20,578,194
College's Proportion of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	(14.34%)	(19.86%)	(17.03%)	(14.54%)	(14.05%)	(14.11%)	35.32%	50.57%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	168.50%	230.70%	174.70%	182.10%	174.70%	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the College's measurement date for the prior year STRS plan which has a fiscal year end of June 30.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Contributions - OPEB
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)
Last Ten Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contributions	$ 52,701	$ 54,849	$ 44,265	$ 37,703	$ 44,306	$ 41,375	$ 109,972	$ 320,608	$ 413,808	$ 390,412
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	(52,701)	(54,849)	(44,265)	(37,703)	(44,306)	(41,375)	(109,972)	(320,608)	(413,808)	(390,412)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
College Covered Payroll	$ 23,880,257	$ 24,587,786	$ 23,696,518	$ 21,082,667	$ 23,264,031	$ 21,723,350	$ 21,994,305	$ 21,373,862	$ 20,690,375	$ 19,520,584
OPEB Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.22%	0.22%	0.19%	0.18%	0.19%	0.19%	0.50%	1.50%	2.00%	2.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Required Supplementary Information

June 30, 2024

Schedule of the College's Contributions - OPEB
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contributions	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
College Covered Payroll	$ 22,981,759	$ 23,687,056	$ 22,437,611	$ 21,539,898	$ 22,032,251	$ 21,428,961	$ 21,717,839	$ 20,773,615	$ 20,578,194	$ 21,134,244
OPEB Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

NOTE 1 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)

Changes in Assumptions - OPERS

Amounts reported for fiscal year 2024 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OPERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in prior fiscal years are presented below for the measurement periods indicated.

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2023 Measurement

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2020	5-year period ended December 31, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	6.90%	6.90%
Wage inflation	2.75%	2.75%
Projected salary increases, including 2.75% inflation	2.75% to 10.75%	2.75% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	2.30% Simple through 2024 then 2.05% Simple	2.30% Simple through 2024 then 2.05% Simple

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2022 Measurement

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2020	5-year period ended December 31, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	6.90%	6.90%
Wage inflation	2.75%	2.75%
Projected salary increases, including 2.75% inflation	2.75% to 10.75%	2.75% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple through 2023 then 2.05% Simple	3.00% Simple through 2023 then 2.05% Simple

NOTE 1 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2021 Measurement

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2020	5-year period ended December 31, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	6.90%	6.90%
Wage inflation	2.75%	2.75%
Projected salary increases, including 2.75% inflation	2.75% to 10.75%	2.75% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple through 2022 then 2.05% Simple	3.00% Simple through 2022 then 2.05% Simple

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2020 Measurement

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2015	5-year period ended December 31, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.20%	7.20%
Wage inflation	3.25%	3.25%
Projected salary increases, including 3.25% inflation	3.25% to 10.75%	3.25% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	0.5% Simple through 2021 then 2.15% Simple	0.5% Simple through 2021 then 2.15% Simple

NOTE 1 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2019 Measurement

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2015	5-year period ended December 31, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.20%	7.20%
Wage inflation	3.25%	3.25%
Projected salary increases, including 3.25% inflation	3.25% to 10.75%	3.25% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	1.40% Simple through 2020 then 2.15% Simple	1.40% Simple through 2020 then 2.15% Simple

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2018 Measurement

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2015	5-year period ended December 31, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.20%	7.20%
Wage inflation	3.25%	3.25%
Projected salary increases, including 3.25% inflation	3.25% to 10.75%	3.25% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple through 2018 then 2.15% Simple	3.00% Simple through 2018 then 2.15% Simple

NOTE 1 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2017 and 2016 Measurements

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2015	5-year period ended December 31, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.50%	7.50%
Wage inflation	3.25%	3.25%
Projected salary increases, including 3.25% inflation	3.25% to 10.75%	3.25% to 8.25%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 retirees	3.00% Simple through 2018 then 2.15% Simple	3.00% Simple through 2018 then 2.15% Simple

Key Methods and Assumptions in Valuing Total Pension Liability – 2015 and Prior Measurements

Actuarial Information	Traditional Plan	Combined Plan
Experience study	5-year period ended December 31, 2010	5-year period ended December 31, 2010
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age	Individual entry age
Actuarial Assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	8.00%	8.00%
Wage inflation	3.75%	3.75%
Projected salary increases, including 3.75% inflation	4.25% to 10.05%	4.25% to 8.05%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-Jan 7, 2013 Retirees	3.00% Simple	3.00% Simple
Post-Jan 7, 2013 Retirees	3.00% Simple through 2018 then 2.80% Simple	3.00% Simple through 2018 then 2.80% Simple

NOTE 1 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

Mortality rates – For amounts reported beginning in 2022, the measurement uses pre-retirement mortality rates based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

Amounts reported beginning in 2017 use mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table. For males, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015. For females, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvements back to the observation period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2010. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 for males and 2010 for females. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

Amounts reported for 2016 and prior use mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table with no projections. For males 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

NOTE 1 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – STRS

Amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by STRS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in prior fiscal years are presented below:

Actuarial Information	Fiscal Years 2023-2024	Fiscal Year 2022
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Discount Rate	7.00%	7.00%
Projected salary increase	Varies by service from 2.5% to 8.5%	12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses including inflation	7.00%, net of investment expenses including inflation
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.00%
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)	0% effective July 1, 2017	0% effective July 1, 2017

Actuarial Information	Fiscal Years 2018-2021	Fiscal Years 2017 and Prior
Inflation	2.50%	2.75%
Discount Rate	7.45%	7.75%
Projected salary increase	12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65	12.25% at age 20 to 2.75% at age 70
Investment rate of return	7.45%, net of investment expenses including inflation	7.75%, net of investment expenses including inflation
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.50%
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0% effective July 1, 2017	2.0% Simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2.00% per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2.00% COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

NOTE 1 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – STRS (Continued)

For fiscal year 2023, demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

Beginning in fiscal year 2023, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For fiscal years 2019 through 2022, post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50% of rates through age 69, 70% of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90% of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100% of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90% of rates for males and 100% of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

For fiscal year 2018, post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50% of rates through age 69, 70% of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90% of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100% of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90% of rates for males and 100% of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

For fiscal year 2017 and prior actuarial valuations, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages are set back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89, and no set back from age 90 and above.

NOTE 2 – NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET)

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS

For fiscal year 2024, the municipal bond rate decreased from 4.05% to 3.77%. The single discount rate increased from 5.22% to 5.70%. The health care cost trend rate changed from 5.5% initial, 3.5% ultimate in 2036 to 5.5% initial, 3.5% ultimate in 2038.

For fiscal year 2023, the municipal bond rate increased from 1.84% to 4.05%. The single discount rate decreased from 6.00% to 5.22%. The health care cost trend rate changed from 5.5% initial, 3.5% ultimate in 2034 to 5.5% initial, 3.5% ultimate in 2036.

NOTE 2 – NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS (Continued)

For fiscal year 2022, the municipal bond rate decreased from 2.00% to 1.84% and wage inflation decreased from 3.20% to 2.75%. The single discount rate remained 6.00%. The health care cost trend rate decreased from 8.5% initial, 3.5% ultimate in 2035 to 5.5% initial, 3.5% ultimate in 2034.

For fiscal year 2021, the municipal bond rate decreased from 2.75% to 2.00% and the single discount rate increased from 3.13% to 6.00%. The health care cost trend rate decreased from 10.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2030 to 8.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2035.

For fiscal year 2020, the municipal bond rate decreased from 3.71% to 2.75% and the single discount rate decreased from 3.96% to 3.13%. The health care cost trend rate also increased from 10.00% initial, 3.25% ultimate in 2029 to 10.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2030.

For fiscal year 2019, the OPERS Board voted to lower the investment return assumption for its health care investment portfolio from 6.5% to 6.0%. Municipal bond rate increased from 3.31% to 3.71% and the single discount rate increased from 3.85% to 3.96%. The health care cost trend rate also increased from 7.50% initial, 3.25% ultimate in 2028 to 10.00% initial, 3.25% ultimate in 2029.

Changes in Assumptions – STRS

For fiscal year 2024, health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical pre-Medicare from 7.50% initial, 3.94% ultimate to 7.50% initial, 4.14% ultimate; medical Medicare from (68.78%) initial, 3.94% ultimate to (10.94%) initial, 4.14% ultimate; prescription drug pre-Medicare from 9.00% initial, 3.94% ultimate to (11.95%) initial, 4.14% ultimate and prescription drug Medicare from (5.47%) initial, 3.94% ultimate to 1.33% initial, 4.14% ultimate.

For fiscal year 2022 the discount rate was decreased from 7.45% to 7.00%. Changes to healthcare cost trends for medical and prescription drug were adjusted for Medicare.

For fiscal year 2019, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13% to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)*. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated.

Also for fiscal year 2019, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9% to 1.944% per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.

NOTE 2 – NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET) (Continued)

Changes in Assumptions – STRS (Continued)

For fiscal year 2018, the discount rate was increased from 3.26% to 4.13% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB),* and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased.

The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

Also for fiscal year 2018, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1% to 1.9% per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2019.

Changes in Benefit Term Changes – STRS

There was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected June 30, 2023 premium based on June 30, 2022 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2023 from 2.100% to 2.200%. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2023. The Medicare Part D subsidy is expected to be negative in 2023 and is not included in the fiscal 2023 rates.

The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022 from 2.055% to 2.100%. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in 2022. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

There was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected June 30, 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984% to 2.055% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

There was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020 from 1.944% to 1.984% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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*

Board of Trustees
Lorain County Community College
Elyria, Ohio

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Lorain County Community College (the College), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 the College's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 the 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, 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 College'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 College's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Springfield, Ohio
December 20, 2024

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

Board of Trustees
Lorain County Community College
Elyria, Ohio

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Lorain County Community College's (the College) 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 the College's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The College's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the 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 June 30, 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the College and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that 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 the 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 the College's federal programs.

Auditors' 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 the 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 for 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 the 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 professional 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 the 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 the 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 the 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.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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 a 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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.

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.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Springfield, Ohio
December 20, 2024

Lorain County Community College
Lorain County, Ohio
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Agency or Pass Through Entity Number	Assistance Listing Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
Research and Development Cluster:				
United States Department of Defense				
Direct from the Federal Agency				
Office of Naval Research				
Basic and Applied Scientific Research (BASR):				
Ohio Manufacturing Talent Expansion for the Defense Industrial Supply Chain	N00014-20-1-2703	12.300	$ -	$ 732,158
Basic and Applied Scientific Research (BASR) - to subrecipients				
Sub-Award BASR - Cincinnati State Technical Community College		12.300	145,343	145,343
Sub-Award BASR - Columbus State Community College		12.300	53,901	53,901
Sub-Award BASR - Sinclair		12.300	146,415	146,415
Sub-Award BASR - Stark State College		12.300	205,591	205,591
Sub-Award BASR - Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)		12.300	195,657	195,657
Sub-Award BASR - Belmont College		12.300	17,014	17,014
Total Basic and Applied Scientific Research			763,921	1,496,079
National Defense Education Program (NDEP):				
Ohio TechNet Defense Industrial Base (DIB) STEM Consortium	HQ00342220007	12.006	-	710,834
National Defense Education Program (NDEP) - to subrecipients				
Sub-Award NDEP - Cincinnati State TCC		12.006	3,250	3,250
Sub-Award NDEP - Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)		12.006	485	485
Sub-Award NDEP - Sinclair CC		12.006	267,084	267,084
Sub-Award NDEP - Stark State CC		12.006	1,010	1,010
Sub-Award NDEP - Ohio University		12.006	15	15
Total National Defense Education Program			271,844	982,678
Passed through Ohio Development Services Agency				
Community Investment:				
Ohio Manufacturing Extension Program	OEA-20-F-0004	12.600	41,286	88,632
Passed through ARCTOS Technology Solutions, LLC				
Air Force Defense Research Sciences Program:				
Regional Fabrication and Certification Training Labs - Automation and Robotics	FA8650-21-F-5579	12.800	-	1,273,556
Total United States Department of Defense			1,077,051	3,840,945
National Science Foundation				
Direct from the Federal Agency				
STEM Education (formerly Education and Human Resources)		47.076	197,459	830,308
Passed through Case Western Reserve University				
Computer and Information Science and Engineering		47.070	-	6,180
Total National Science Foundation			197,459	836,488
United States Department of Education				
Direct from the Federal Agency				
Higher Education Institutional Aid		84.031	-	441,533
Total United States Department of Education			-	441,533
Total Research and Development Cluster			1,274,510	5,118,966
United States Department of Education				
Direct from the Federal Agency				
Student Financial Assistance Cluster:				
Federal Work-Study Program	P033A	84.033	-	133,045
Federal Pell Grant Program	P063P	84.063	-	11,048,075
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	P007A	84.007	-	441,855
Federal Direct Student Loans	P0268K	84.268	-	5,360,285
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster			-	16,983,260
Education Stabilization Fund				
COVID-19 - Lorain County Community College Sustain To Succeed (IREPO)		84.425P	-	178,371
Passed through Ohio Department of Higher Education				
COVID-19 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund - Addressing Educator Shortage		84.425U	-	304
Total Education Stabilization Fund			-	178,675
Direct from the Federal Agency				
Career and Technical Education - National Programs		84.051F	-	19,903
Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education				
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	CDP-P	84.048	-	443,364
Child Care Access Means Parents in School		84.335A	-	37,728
Total United States Department of Education			-	17,662,930
United States Department of Agriculture				
SNAP Cluster:				
Passed through The Ohio Association of Foodbanks and Second Harvest				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program		10.561	-	11,207
Passed through Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services				
SNAP Employment and Training		10.561	-	6,032
Total SNAP Cluster			-	17,239
Total United States Department of Agriculture			-	17,239

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Lorain County, Ohio
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
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Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Agency or Pass Through Entity Number	Assistance Listing Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
United States Department of Justice				
Direct from the Federal Agency				
Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative:				
Lorain County CAREERRS Program	2020-RQ-BX-0005	16.812	-	138,953
Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative - to subrecipients				
Sub-Award Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative - Place 2 Recover		16.812	52,640	52,640
Sub-Award Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative - Evaluation New Growth		16.812	7,500	7,500
Sub-Award Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative - Goodwill Industries		16.812	54,500	54,500
Total United States Department of Justice			114,640	253,593
United States Department of Labor				
Direct from the Federal Agency				
H-1B Job Training Grants - LCCC	HG-33034-19-60-A-39	17.268	-	1,264,930
H-1B Job Training Grants - to subrecipients				
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Ohio Manufactures Association		17.268	270,865	270,865
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Northwest State Community College		17.268	44,845	44,845
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Rhodes State College		17.268	165,010	165,010
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Columbus State Community College		17.268	321,732	321,732
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - BB2C		17.268	161,763	161,763
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Magnet		17.268	220,324	220,324
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Shawnee		17.268	179,688	179,688
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Conxus NEO		17.268	303,236	303,236
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Manufacturing Works Alliance		17.268	281,212	281,212
Sub-Award H-1B Job Training Grants - Mahoning Valley Mfg. Coalition		17.268	255,716	255,716
Total H-1B Job Training Grants			2,204,391	3,469,321
Job Corps Experimental Projects and Technical Assistance	FAIN JC-34674-20-60-O-39	17.287	-	69,370
Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) - LCCC	23A60CC000009	17.261	-	434,763
Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) - to subrecipients				
Sub-Award Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) - Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)		17.261	148,227	148,227
Sub-Award Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) - Lakeland		17.261	143,536	143,536
Sub-Award Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) - Stark State		17.261	45,068	45,068
Total Workforce Data Quality Initiative			336,831	771,594
Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending	23A60CP000034	17.289	-	605,732
Passed through Youngstown State University				
WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants / WIA National Emergency Grants	FAIN DW-39206-22-60-A-39	17.277	-	64,580
Passed through the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services				
COVID-19 - Unemployment Insurance		17.225	-	2,948
Total United States Department of Labor			2,541,222	4,983,545
United States Small Business Administration				
Passed through Ohio Department of Communications Development				
Small Business Development Centers	SBAHQ-13-B-0011	59.037	-	230,421
Total United States Small Business Administration			-	230,421
United States Department of Commerce				
Economic Development Cluster:				
Direct from the Federal Agency				
Economic Adjustment Assistance	ED23CHI0G0014	11.307	-	295,834
Passed through Manufacturing Works				
Economic Adjustment Assistance		11.307	-	76,732
Total Economic Development Cluster:			-	372,566
Total United States Department of Commerce			-	372,566
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services				
CCDF Cluster				
COVID-19 - Child Care and Development Block Grant		93.575	-	51,300
Total CCDF Cluster			-	51,300
Total United States Department of Health and Human Services			-	51,300
United States Department of the Treasury				
Passed through Cares Lorain County Food Bank				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund - Lorain County Food Bank		21.019	-	10,270
Passed through Ohio Department of Higher Education				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds		21.027	-	89,232
Total United States Department of the Treasury			-	99,502
United States Environmental Protection Agency				
Passed through Lorain County Board of Commissioners				
Brownfields Job Training Cooperative Agreements	FAIN 00E02820	66.815	-	12,442
Total United States Environmental Protection Agency			-	12,442
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ 3,930,372	$ 28,802,504

See accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Lorain County Community College (the "College") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the College, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the College.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

Note 3: Indirect Cost Rate

The College has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate to recover indirect costs as allowed under the Uniform Guidance. As noted in the H1-B Job Training Grants agreement, the College was approved to use, and did use, an indirect cost rate of 37.5% of direct salaries and wages including all fringe benefits, relating to this grant and other grants, where allowable.

In November, 2023 the College was approved to use, but has not yet used, an indirect cost rate of 38.3% of modified total direct costs, consisting of all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first $25,000 of each subaward. Modified total direct costs exclude equipment, capital expenditures, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, the portion of each subaward in excess of $25,000, and other items when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs.

Note 4: Federal Direct Student Loans

The College originates but does not provide funding under the Federal Direct Student Loans Program. The amount presented represents the value of new Federal Direct Student Loans awarded by the United States Department of Education during the year.

Note 5: Federal Work-Study and Federal SEOG Waiver

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the College received a waiver from the United States Department of Education for the Institutional Share Requirement under the Federal Work-Study and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants programs.

Note 6: Subrecipients

The College passes certain federal awards received from the United States Department of Labor, the National Science Foundation and the United States Department of Defense to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note 2 describes, the College reports expenditures of federal awards to subrecipients on the accrual basis.

As a pass-through entity, the College has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

Note 7: Matching Requirements

Certain Federal programs require the College to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The College has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

Section I – Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major program:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?	None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal program:	Unmodified
Any audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major program:	
Student Financial Assistance Cluster	
Dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	$864,075
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

None noted

Section III – Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

None noted

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This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.

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