

**UNIVERSITY DISTRICT SPECIAL
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Agreed-Upon Procedures

**For the Years Ended
December 31, 2019 and 2018**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the University District Special Improvement District, Franklin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

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 University District Special Improvement District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

September 9, 2020

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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

University District Special Improvement District
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Directors and the district officers, district members and directors and their designees or proxies, herein governing the University District Special Improvement District (the District) and the Auditor of State on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the General Ledger Detail Report to the December 31, 2017 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We also agreed the January 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded in the General Ledger Detail Report to the December 31, 2018 balances in the General Ledger Detail Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2019 and 2018 fund cash balances reported in the General Ledger Detail Report and the financial statements filed by the District in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2019 bank account balance with the District's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2019 bank reconciliation without exception.

Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed the total amount paid from the City of Columbus to the District during 2019 and 2018, with the City. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the General Ledger Detail Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the General Ledger Detail Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

2. We confirmed the total amount paid from The Ohio State University to the District during 2019 and 2018, with the University. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the General Ledger Register Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the General Ledger Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected each of the four disbursements from the General Ledger Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2019 and each of the nine disbursements from the year ended 2018 and determined whether:
 - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the General Ledger Detail Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the District's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have a public records policy during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
2. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
4. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
5. We inquired whether the District had a records retention schedule, and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have a public records policy during the engagement period; therefore could not provide it to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be included in a policy manual as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
8. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be displayed in all the branches of the District as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
9. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.

10. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
11. We inquired of the District whether the general public and news media were notified of public meetings held during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
12. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
13. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code Section 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires these districts to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is to provide assistance in the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
August 14, 2020

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF COLUMBUS, INC

FRANKLIN COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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.



Certified for Release 9/22/2020

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