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July 2, 2026

Grayson County, Texas
Attention: Suzette Smith, County Auditor
100 W. Houston Street
Sherman, Texas 75090

Commissioners Court and Management:

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Grayson County, Texas (the "Entity"), as of September 30, 2026, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Entity's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In addition, we will audit the Entity's compliance over major federal and state award programs for the period ended September 30, 2026. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter. Our audits will be conducted with the objectives of our expressing an opinion on each opinion unit and an opinion on compliance regarding the Entity's major federal and state award programs. The objectives of our audit of the financial statements 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 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 of America will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and 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.

The objectives of our compliance audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to form an opinion and report at the level specified in the governmental audit requirement about whether the Entity complied in all material respects with the applicable compliance requirements and identify audit and reporting requirements specified in the governmental audit requirement that are supplementary to GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, if any, and perform procedures to address those requirements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and pension and other postemployment benefit related information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by 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. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- Budgetary Schedules.
- Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios.
- Schedule of Pension Contributions.
- Schedule of Changes in Net Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability and Related Ratios.

Supplementary information other than RSI will accompany the Entity's basic financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the supplementary information to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. We intend to provide an opinion on the following supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

- Combining Statements and Schedules.

Also, the document we submit to you will include the following other additional information that will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements:

- Introductory Section.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards

We will subject the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. We intend to provide an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Data Collection Form

Prior to the completion of our engagement, we will complete the sections of the Data Collection Form that are our responsibility. The form will summarize our audit findings, amounts and conclusions. It is management's responsibility to submit a reporting package including financial statements, schedule of expenditure of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings and corrective action plan along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. The financial reporting package must be text searchable, unencrypted, and unlocked. Otherwise, the reporting package will not be accepted by the federal audit clearinghouse. We will assist you in the electronic submission and certification. You may request from us copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package submitted to pass-through entities.

The Data Collection Form is required to be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of our auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period, unless specifically waived by a federal cognizant or oversight agency for audits. Data Collection Forms submitted untimely are one of the factors in assessing programs at a higher risk.

Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 and *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and the audit requirements of the *State of Texas Grant Management Standards* (TxGMS).

As part of an audit of financial statements in accordance with GAAS and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. 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.

- 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 Entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.

- 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, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Although we are currently in the planning stage of our audit, we have identified the following significant risks during our audit to date that require special audit consideration:

- Management override of controls is considered an inherent risk according to GAAS.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements or noncompliance may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* of the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Please note that the determination of abuse is subjective, and *Government Auditing Standards* does not require auditors to detect abuse.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Entity's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to those charged with governance of the Entity. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance over financial reporting will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no such opinion will be expressed.

Audit of Major Program Compliance

Our audit of the Entity's major federal and state award program(s) compliance will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act, as amended, the Uniform Guidance, and UGMS or TxGMS which will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major programs in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and UGMS or TxGMS and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion on major federal and state award programs compliance and to render the required reports. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion on compliance will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or withdraw from the engagement.

The Uniform Guidance and UGMS or TxGMS requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations, the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major federal and state award programs, and the applicable compliance requirements occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Entity's compliance based on the 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*, the Uniform Guidance, and UGMS or TxGMS 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 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 Entity's compliance with the requirements of the federal and state programs as a whole.

As part of a compliance audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* of the Comptroller General of the United States of America, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks.

Our procedures will consist of determining major federal and state programs and, performing the applicable procedures described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget *OMB Compliance Supplement* and UGMS or TxGMS for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Entity's major programs, and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. The purpose of those procedures will be to express an opinion on the Entity's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and UGMS or TxGMS.

Also, as required by the Uniform Guidance and UGMS or TxGMS, we will obtain an understanding of the Entity's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design and perform tests of controls to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each of the Entity's major federal and state award programs. Our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on these controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report. However, we will communicate to you, 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 have identified during the audit.

We will issue a report on compliance that will include an opinion or disclaimer of opinion regarding the Entity's major federal and state award programs, and a report on internal controls over compliance that will report any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses identified; however, such report will not express an opinion on internal control.

Management's Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

1. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;

2. 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;

3. For identifying, in its accounts, all federal and state awards received and expended during the period and the federal and state programs under which they were received;

4. For maintaining records that adequately identify the source and application of funds for federally and state funded activities;

5. For preparing the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (including notes and noncash assistance received) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and UGMS or TxGMS;

6. For designing, implementing, and maintaining effective internal control over federal and state awards that provides reasonable assurance that the Entity is managing federal and state

awards in compliance with federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal and state awards;

7. For identifying and ensuring that the Entity complies with federal and state laws, statutes, regulations, rules, provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and the terms and conditions of federal and state award programs, and implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal and state award programs;

8. For disclosing accurately, currently, and completely the financial results of each federal and state award in accordance with the requirements of the award;

9. For identifying and providing report copies of previous audits, attestation engagements, or other studies that directly relate to the objectives of the audit, including whether related recommendations have been implemented;

10. For taking prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified;

11. For addressing the findings and recommendations of auditors, for establishing and maintaining a process to track the status of such findings and recommendations and taking corrective action on reported audit findings from prior periods and preparing a summary schedule of prior audit findings;

12. For following up and taking corrective action on current year audit findings and preparing a corrective action plan for such findings;

13. For submitting the reporting package and data collection form to the appropriate parties;

14. For making the auditor aware of any significant contractor relationships where the contractor is responsible for program compliance;

15. To provide us with:

    a. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements including the disclosures, and relevant to federal and state award programs, such as records, documentation, and other matters;

    b. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit;

    c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence;

    d. A written acknowledgement of all the documents that management expects to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report, if one is issued. This document would include more than an annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) or annual financial report (AFR) and;

    e. If applicable, a final version of the annual report, (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditor’s report.

16. For adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s)

under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole;

17. For acceptance of non-attest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee non-attest work;

18. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;

19. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the Entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on compliance;

20. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided;

21. For taking reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable and other sensitive information; and

22. For confirming your understanding of your responsibilities as defined in this letter to us in your management representation letter.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited basic financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited basic financial statements, to make the audited basic financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

With regard to the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility (a) for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and UGMS or TxGMS, (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, (c) to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards in any document that contains the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards and that indicates that we have reported on such schedule, and (d) to present the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards with the audited financial statements, or if the schedule will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards no later than the date of issuance by you of the schedule and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or invoices selected by us for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Non-attest Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes of the Entity in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and UGMS or TxGMS based on information provided by you. These non-audit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards.* These services are limited to preparing the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes of the Entity as previously outlined.

We will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of the Entity. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the Entity in performing its responsibilities.

The Entity's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) designing, implementing, and maintaining the system of internal control, including the process used to monitor the system of internal control.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the engagement is limited to our preparation of the financial statements and related note disclosures and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards previously outlined. Our firm in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries. Our firm will advise with regard to financial reporting, but the Entity must make all decisions with regard to those matters.

Government Auditing Standards require that we document an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and experience of management, should we participate in any form of preparation of the basic financial statements and related schedules or disclosures as these actions are deemed a non-audit service.

Engagement Administration, Fees and Timing

We will schedule the engagement based in part on deadlines, working condition, and the availability of your key personnel. We will plan the engagement based on the assumption that your personnel will cooperate and provide assistance by performing tasks such as preparing requested schedules, retrieving supporting documents, and preparing confirmations. If for whatever reason your personnel are unavailable to provide the necessary assistance in a timely manner, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate.

The timing of our audit will be scheduled for performance and completion as follows:

Document internal control and preliminary tests	July 2026
Mail confirmations	October 2026
Perform year-end audit procedures	February 2027
Issue audit reports	March 2027

Kent Willis is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. His responsibilities include supervising Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP's services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fees for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket cost (such as reports reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed $46,030 for the audit of the financial statements and federal single audit, and $4,000 for the state single audit. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report(s). You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional cost.

Other Matters

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or email, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications. In addition to fax and email, our firm also exchanges date over the internet using other methods (such as portals) or store electronic data via software applications hosted remotely through a third-party vendor's secured portal and/or cloud.

Regarding the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your Internet website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Professional standards prohibit us from being the sole host and/or the sole storage for your financial and non-financial data. As such, it is your responsibility to maintain your original data and records and we cannot be responsible to maintain such original information. By signing this engagement letter, you affirm that you have all the data and records required to make your books and records complete.

You authorize us to disclose any and all information you furnish to us in connection with the services provided under this engagement, including audit procedures, to third-party service providers who assist us in fulfilling our professional responsibilities. These service providers may be located within or outside the United States. Such disclosures may include, but are not limited to, confidential financial or investment information necessary to complete assessments or verify valuations. We have obtained confidentiality agreements with all our service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have the appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of confidential information to others. We will remain responsible for the work provided by any third-party service providers used under this agreement. By your signature below, you consent to having confidential information transmitted to entities outside the firm. Please feel free to inquire if you would like additional information regarding the transmission of confidential information to entities outside the firm.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to federal or state agencies and the U.S. Government Accountability Office

pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Pattillo, Brown & Hill's personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to these agencies and regulators. The regulators and agencies may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

During the course of the audit, we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the Entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we have attached a copy of our latest external peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statements, compliance over major federal and state award programs including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,
Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Kent Willis

Kent Willis, CPA
Waco, Texas

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding.

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of Grayson County, Texas by:

Name: Jodi Platt

Title: Purchasing Agent

Date: 07/28/2026

ERICKSEN KRENTEL LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS • CONSULTANTS

Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

December 12, 2025

To the Partners of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP
and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP (the firm) in effect for the year ended May 31, 2025. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported on in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards* including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act; an audit of an employee benefit plan; and an audit performed under FDICIA.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP in effect for the year ended May 31, 2025, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass, pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Ericksen Krentel, LLP

Certified Public Accountants