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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Regents Morgan State University

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of WEAA-FM (the Station), a program of Morgan State University, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and change in net position and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Station as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Station 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 opinion.

Other Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Station are intended to present the financial position, the changes in net position and cash flows of only that portion of the financial reporting segment of Morgan State University (the University) that is attributable to the transactions of the Station. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position, changes in financial position and cash flows of the University as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Station's 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 controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error



Auditor's 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 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 GAAS 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 controls. 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, 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 controls 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 Station's internal controls. 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.

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 controls—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 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 audits 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 audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Station's basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules of non-Federal support are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedules of non-Federal support are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules of non-Federal support are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Owings Mills, Maryland January 14, 2025 S& & Company, If C

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Overview of the Station

WEAA-FM (the Station) is the National Public Radio (NPR) affiliated public radio station of Morgan State University (the University) and is an educational component of the University's School of Global Journalism and Communication. The Station serves as a learning lab to educate and prepare students for careers in broadcast journalism, media management and program marketing. It also provides listeners across the University's campus and throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area with music, news and public affairs programming that is largely created by a staff of broadcast professionals, and undergraduate and graduate students.

Operating since 1977, the Station operates free from commercial influence in a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week format that attracts continual support from members, underwriters, grant-makers and the University community.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The following discussion provides an overview of the Station's financial performance for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, with 2022 for comparative purposes. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the Station's basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements.

The three primary financial statements of the Station presented are the balance sheet, the statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position, and the statement of cash flows. These statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) provides an overview of the financial position and activities of the Station for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, with 2022 for comparative purposes, and should be read in conjunction with financial statements and notes thereto. This overview is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) by a primary government or component but is not required for the Station; however, management has elected to provide one. The MD&A, financial statements, and notes thereto, are the responsibility of the Station's management.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures and other information that are essential to full understanding of the material data provided in the statements. The notes present information about the Station's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, obligations and subsequent events, if any, and can be found beginning on page 12 of this report. The information contained in the basic financial statements of the Station is incorporated within the University's Annual Financial Statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Balance Sheets

The Balance Sheet presents the financial position of the Station as of the end of the fiscal year and includes all assets and liabilities of the Station. Assets and liabilities are presented as either current or noncurrent to provide an indication of their anticipated liquidation.

The difference between total assets and total liabilities equals net position. The net position is an indicator of the current financial condition of the Station. A summary of assets, liabilities, and net position as of June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, is as follows:

	2024	2023	2022
Assets			
Current assets	\$ 403,713	\$ 541,441	\$ 474,464
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	309,463	477,928	423,854
Non-current liabilities	94,250	63,513	50,610
Total Liabilities	403,713	541,441	474,464
Net Position			
Total Net Position	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Fiscal Year 2024 compared to Fiscal Year 2023

• Current assets and total liabilities as of the fiscal year ended 2024 decreased by \$137,728 or 25.4% primarily due to a decrease in unearned grant revenue as grants were fully expended.

Fiscal Year 2023 compared to Fiscal Year 2022

• Current assets and total liabilities as of the fiscal year ended 2023 increased by \$66,977 or 14.1% primarily due to an increase in cash from University appropriations to support an increase in liabilities.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position

The statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position presents the Station's results of operations. The statement distinguishes revenues and expenses between operating and non-operating categories and provides a view of the Station's operating margin. A summary of revenues, expenses, and change in net position for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, is as follows:

	2024		2023		 2022
Operating Income					
Operating revenues	\$	574,607	\$	800,736	\$ 617,657
Operating expenses		2,367,930		2,133,991	 1,772,057
Operating Loss	(1,793,323)		(1,333,255)		(1,154,400)
Non-operating Revenues					
Appropriations from Morgan State University		994,384		648,237	609,063
Donated facilities and administrative					
support from Morgan State University		798,939		685,018	 526,802
Total Non-operating Revenues		1,793,323		1,333,255	1,135,865
Total Change in Net Position		-		-	(18,535)
Net position, beginning of year					 18,535
Net Position, End of Year	\$	-	\$	_	\$ _

Fiscal Year 2024 compared to Fiscal Year 2023

- Total operating revenues for fiscal year 2024 decreased by \$226,129 or 28.2% from fiscal year 2023 due to decreases in subscription and membership, underwriting, and grants income.
- Total operating expenses in fiscal year 2024 increased by \$233,939 or 11.0% from fiscal year 2023 due to significant investments in personnel through cost-of-living increases and new programming hosts.
- Non-operating revenues increased by \$460,068 or 34.5% for fiscal year 2024 due to increased appropriations and administrative support from the University.

Fiscal Year 2023 compared to Fiscal Year 2022

- Total operating revenues for fiscal year 2023 increased by \$183,079 or 29.6% from fiscal year 2022 due to increased efforts to expand underwriting partnerships.
- Total operating expenses in fiscal year 2023 increased by \$361,934 or 20.4% from fiscal year 2022 due to significant investments in personnel through cost-of-living increases and new programming hosts.
- Non-operating revenues increased by \$197,390 or 17.4% for fiscal year 2023 due to increased appropriations and administrative support from the University.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Statement of Cash Flows

The statement of cash flows provides information about the Station's receipts and disbursement of cash during the year. This statement also assists users in assessing the Station's ability to generate net cash flows, its ability to meet its obligations as they come due, and its need for external financing. A summary of cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, is as follows:

	2024		2023	2022		
Cash Flows From:						
Operating activities	\$	(1,132,112)	\$ (581,260)	\$	(873,036)	
Noncapital financing activities		994,384	648,237		696,709	
Net Change in Cash		(137,728)	66,977		(176,327)	
Cash, beginning of year		541,441	 474,464		650,791	
Cash, End of Year	\$	403,713	\$ 541,441	\$	474,464	

Summary and Economic Outlook

WEAA's mission remains consistent with prior fiscal years. WEAA's mission is to invest in programming that benefits the mission of Morgan State University to support the students, employees, and listening communities. This includes aligning programming needs with the University's strategic plan.

In fiscal year 2024, the Station's revenues decreased. The relative decrease in revenue is due to strategic planning that the station pursued. WEAA implemented a strategic plan that allows the station to operate more efficiently. The implementation included a systematic review of the station's on-air show roster. On-air shows were evaluated based on audience statistical information and revenue generation. Shows that revealed significant low listening audience and revenue generation were removed from WEAA's roster. As a result, WEAA operates with fewer On-Air Shows (relative to fiscal year 2023 and beyond) which corresponds to fewer on-air expenses. However, the strategic plan of WEAA is to increase revenues by focusing the station's core on-air shows that provide exorbitant statistics. This aligns the station with the best opportunity to generate revenue through membership and underwriting in the most effective manner. Beyond that, overall expenses increased based on increases in the Station's service expenses. WEAA correlates the increase to inflation.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Summary and Economic Outlook (continued)

The Station has aligned the strategic mission and vision to respond to the community and University needs. The Station has created programming that addresses growing community concerns, such as "Suicide Prevention" and "Fentanyl and Xylazine Abuse." The listening audience vocally addressed the racial disparity in reporting in mainstream media as it pertains to the two topics listed above. The Station responded with on-air features and can confirm that two missing young people were located. WEAA contributed significantly based on consistent broadcasting and support from the station's website. The Station was also credited with a 'life saved' due to a person with suicidal thoughts seeking help.

The Station also addresses the needs of the local community. In response to people who are in need, WEAA gives and receives food at times vastly different from the normal "holiday giving." This has become the norm at WEAA. In addition, the Station started a new annualized promotion entitled, "Halfway to Thanksgiving" to collect food and other donated household supplies six months prior to Thanksgiving when donations tend to peak. This resulted in a significant collection of food that was distributed to three different community outreach partners that focus on feeding the underserved.

WEAA remains a vital asset to the community through the continued and guaranteed support from Morgan State University and the Corporation of Public Broadcasting. As a result, WEAA continually searches for programming and opportunities to strengthen the base of the stations listening audience. By utilizing a research consortium, the Station obtains statistical data that provides listener feedback and demographic information. This information is paramount because it helps WEAA to precisely address and support the listening community needs and interests.

Balance Sheets As of June 30, 2024 and 2023

		2024	2023		
ASSETS			'		
Current Assets					
Cash	\$	403,713	\$	541,441	
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION					
Current Liabilities					
Accrued payroll	\$	53,595	\$	88,042	
Accrued vacation		20,542		37,669	
Unearned grant revenue		231,784		350,569	
Unearned revenue		3,542		1,648	
Total Current Liabilities		309,463		477,928	
Non-Current Liabilities					
Accrued vacation, net of current portion		94,250		63,513	
Total Liabilities		403,713		541,441	
Total Net Position					
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	403,713	\$	541,441	

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023		
Operating Revenues	 			
Subscription and membership income	\$ 110,707	\$	169,439	
Underwriting income	171,052		245,326	
Grants	288,752		381,607	
In-kind contributions	 4,096		4,364	
Total Operating Revenues	 574,607		800,736	
Operating Expenses				
Program services:				
Programming and production	647,216		689,578	
Broadcasting	374,583		271,349	
Program information	 211,985		146,645	
Total program services	1,233,784		1,107,572	
Management and general	788,994		656,754	
Fundraising and membership development	 345,152		369,665	
Total Operating Expenses	 2,367,930		2,133,991	
Operating Loss	 (1,793,323)		(1,333,255)	
Non-Operating Revenues				
Appropriations from Morgan State University	994,384		648,237	
Donated facilities and administrative support from Morgan State University	798,939		685,018	
Total Non-Operating Revenues	 1,793,323		1,333,255	
Total Non-Operating Revenues	 1,775,525		1,333,233	
Change in Net Position	-		-	
Net position, beginning of year	 <u>-</u> _		<u>-</u> _	
Net Position, End of Year	\$ -	\$	<u>-</u>	

Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023		
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	 _			
Subscription and membership income	\$ 110,707	\$	169,439	
Underwriting income	172,946		246,974	
Grants	169,967		410,029	
Payments to employees	(1,384,693)		(1,154,038)	
Payments to suppliers and contractors	 (201,039)		(253,664)	
Net Cash from Operating Activities	 (1,132,112)		(581,260)	
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities				
Appropriations from Morgan State University	 994,384		648,237	
Net change in cash	(137,728)		66,977	
Cash, beginning of year	541,441		474,464	
Cash, End of Year	\$ 403,713	\$	541,441	
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash				
from Operating Activities				
Operating Loss	\$ (1,793,323)	\$	(1,333,255)	
Donated facilities and administrative support from Morgan State			, , ,	
University	798,939		685,018	
Effect of changes in non-cash operating assets				
and liabilities:				
Accrued payroll	(34,447)		45,120	
Accrued vacation	13,610		32,093	
Unearned grant revenue	(118,785)		7,606	
Unearned revenue	 1,894		(17,842)	
Net Cash from Operating Activities	\$ (1,132,112)	\$	(581,260)	

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

WEAA-FM (the Station) is a National Public Radio (NPR) Station licensed and owned by Morgan State University (the University). The Station, which broadcasts in stereo on a frequency of 88.9 MHz, began operating on January 10, 1977, and serves the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area. Both the University and the Station are governed by a Board of Regents appointed by the State of Maryland.

The financial activity of the Station is included in the financial statements of the University. These accompanying financial statements of the Station present only that portion of the business-type activities of the University that is attributable to the transactions of the Station. They do not represent the financial position, changes in financial position, or cash flows of the University.

Relationship with the University

Administrative support from the University consists of allocated financial costs and certain other expenses incurred by the University on behalf of the Station and are reported as operating revenues and expenses in accordance with valuation guidelines prescribed by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Revenue and expenses for administrative support totaling \$635,627 and \$531,175, was reported for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. This allocation from the University is not necessarily representative of the Station's cost as if it were a stand-alone entity and could significantly change in the future.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Station's financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenue is recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred.

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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Accrued Vacation

Compensated absences are accrued at year-end for financial statement purposes. The liability and expense incurred are recorded at year-end as accrued vacation in the balance sheets and as a component of the appropriate functional category of expense in the statements of revenues, expenses, and change in net position.

Unearned Revenue

Unearned grant revenues represent funds received from granting agencies before the yearend that have not been expended as of the end of the year.

Unearned revenues are funds collected for underwriting sales before the year-end for radio spots that run after the year-end.

Classification of Revenues and Expenses

The Station has classified its revenues and expenses as either operating or non-operating according to the following criteria:

(1) *Operating*

Operating revenues and expenses include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions such as subscription and membership income, underwriting income, grants income, and other income and operating expenses include program and support expenses.

(2) Non-operating

Non-operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, such as appropriations from Morgan State University and donated facilities and services.

Grant Revenues

Grant revenues are recognized as expenditures are incurred. Any unexpended grant funds are recorded as unearned grant revenues in the accompanying balance sheets.

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Donated Facilities and Administrative Support

The University provides certain facilities and administrative support to the Station. Donated facilities and administrative support represent the Station's allocated amounts of institutional support and donated facilities and is recorded as revenues and expenses in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. Institutional support is based on the Station's pro-rata share of the University's total salaries, wages, and administrative expenses. Donated facilities are the Station's pro-rate share of the University's total plant expenses along with calculated occupancy costs permitted by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Station's allocated amounts of donated facilities and administrative support were calculated based on amounts stated in the University's audited financial statements.

Appropriations from Morgan State University

The appropriation from the University represents support from the University for salaries and operating expenses not provided through other resources. It represents the difference between cash received from operating activities, excluding grants, and total direct expenses of the Station paid for by the University.

Risk Management

The Station is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to and illnesses of employees; and natural disasters. The Station, through the University, participates in the State's various self-insurance programs. The State is self-insured for general liability, property and casualty, workers' compensation, environmental and antitrust liabilities, and certain employee health benefits.

The State allocates the cost of providing claims servicing and claims payment by charging a "premium" to the University based on a percentage of the University's estimated current-year payroll or based on the average loss experienced by the University. This charge considers recent trends in actual claims experience of the State as a whole and makes provisions for catastrophic losses.

Subsequent Events

The Station's management evaluated subsequent events and transactions through January 14, 2025, the date the financial statements were available for issue, and have determined that no material subsequent events have occurred that would affect the information presented in the accompanying financial statements or require additional disclosure.

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

3. CASH

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Station had cash on deposit in an internal pooled cash account with the Maryland State Treasurer (the Treasurer) in the amount of \$403,713 and \$541,441, respectively. The Treasurer has statutory responsibility for the State's cash management activities. The Treasurer maintains these and other State agency funds on a pooled basis in accordance with State statutes. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Station's amount due from the Treasurer was less than 1% of total deposits with the Treasurer. For additional information on cash risk, see the State of Maryland Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

4. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Changes in non-current liabilities consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance as					Ba	lance as of	Am	ount Due
	of June 30,		Ju			June 30,	thin One		
	2023	A	dditions	Re	ductions	2024		Year	
Accrued vacation	\$ 101,182	\$	33,352	\$	19,742	\$	114,792	\$	20,542

Changes in non-current liabilities consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	lance as June 30,						ance as of une 30,		nount Due ithin One
	2022	A	dditions	Rec	ductions	2023		Year	
Accrued vacation	\$ 69,089	\$	68,313	\$	36,220	\$	101,182	\$	37,669

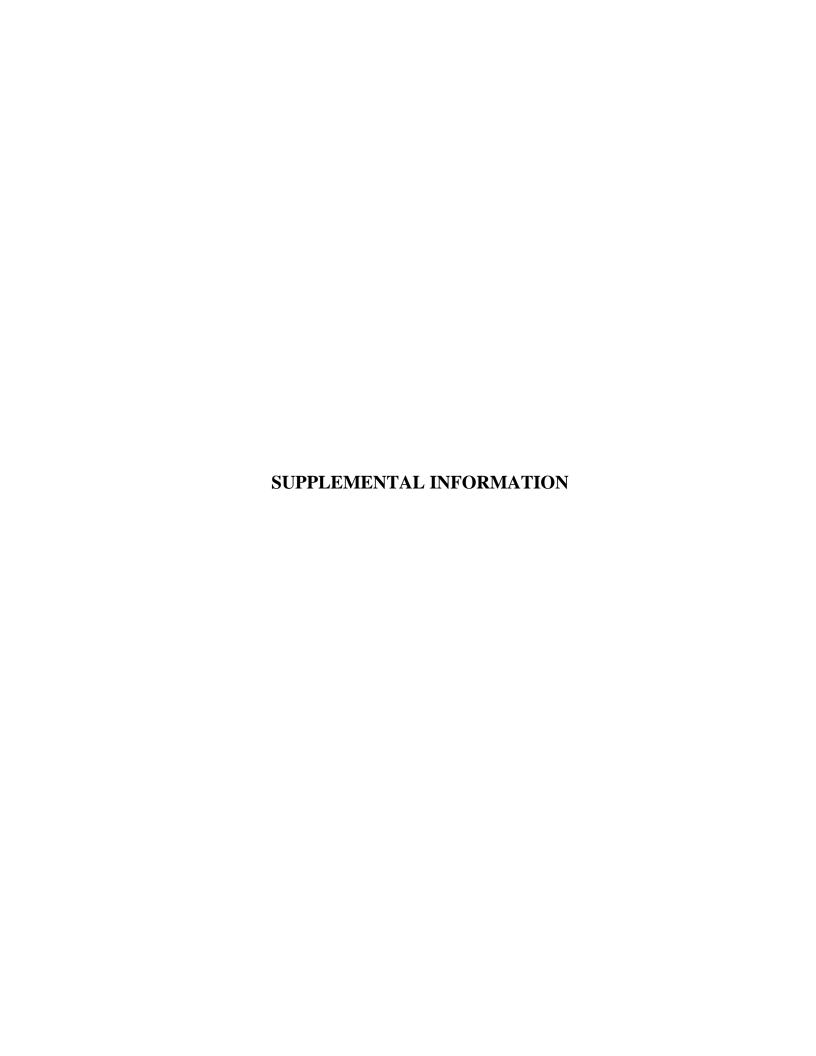
5. RETIREMENT PLANS

Eligible employees who perform services for the Station and employees of the State are covered under the retirement plans of the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland (the System) and are also entitled to certain healthcare benefits upon retirement. The Station's only liability for retirement and post-employment benefits is its required annual contribution to the University, which in turn was paid in full to the State of Maryland prior to year-end. The System is considered part of the State's financial reporting entity and is not considered a part of the Station's reporting entity. The System prepares a separate Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which can be obtained from the Retirement and Pension System of Maryland at 120 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grant expenses are subject to audit by the grantor, and to the extent an audit determines any expenses were disallowed, the amount is subject to refund to the grantor. Management does not believe any refund, if required as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, would be material to the financial statements as a whole.



Schedules of Non-Federal Support For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	 2024	2023		
Operating Revenues	\$ 285,855	\$	419,129	
Non-Operating Revenues				
Appropriations from Morgan State University	994,384		648,237	
Total Direct Non-Federal Financial Support	1,280,239		1,067,366	
Indirect Non-Federal Financial Support	798,939		685,018	
Total Non-Federal Financial Support	\$ 2,079,178	\$	1,752,384	