

# Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

for

# KENTUCKY AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

A Component Unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 with Independent Auditor's Report

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October 4, 2024

To the Board of Directors Kentucky Authority for Educational Television

The Annual Financial Report of the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (Authority or KET) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is hereby submitted to the Authority and all others interested in the financial position of KET.

The Authority is a public body corporate and politic of the Commonwealth of Kentucky established by Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 168 that prescribes and enforces regulations governing the use of educational television; television facilities, and related functions; and, the production and transmission of educational television programs and related services. The Authority is a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the basic financial statements of the Authority are included in the Commonwealth of Kentucky's basic financial statements as a discretely presented component unit.

Management has prepared the basic financial statements of KET and is responsible for the integrity and fairness of the information presented. Some amounts included in the basic financial statements may be based upon estimates and judgments. These estimates and judgments were made utilizing the best business practices available. The accounting policies followed in the preparation of these basic financial statements conform to US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Financial information presented throughout the Annual Financial Report is consistent with the basic financial statements.

Ultimate responsibility for the basic financial statements and Annual Financial Report rests with the Board of Directors. The Executive Director and KET's staff assist the Board in its responsibilities. Systems of internal control and supporting procedures are maintained to provide assurance that transactions are authorized, assets safeguarded, and proper records maintained. These controls include standards in hiring and training employees, the establishment of an organizational structure, and the communications of policies and guidelines throughout the organization. The cost of a control should not exceed the benefits to be derived; the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute assurance, that the basic financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

Kentucky Educational Television Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) and Commonwealth Fund for KET, Inc. (Fund) are separate tax-exempt Kentucky corporations, which receive, hold, and administer gifts and grants in the name of the Authority. The Foundation also assists the Authority in the development and production of educational programs and services for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Authority and the Foundation are administered by the same Executive Director and governed by the same Board of Directors, except for the Foundation whose Board also includes a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of KET.



KET, an agency of state government since 1968, produces and provides innovative and relevant programs and services, giving all citizens in the Commonwealth access to in-depth information and to cultural and educational opportunities. KET's mission is "to make Kentucky a better place and strengthen its communities by educating, inspiring, informing and connecting its citizens through the power of public media."

It is important to note that KET is one of the few state agencies that operates 24/7/365, is federally licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and maintains its own facilities, which include the Network Center (110,000 sq. ft. on 7 acres), and 16 transmitters and tower sites located across the Commonwealth.

KET's external auditors, Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, have conducted an independent audit of the basic financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. This audit is described in their Independent Auditor's Report on page three. Management has provided the external auditors with full and unrestricted access to KET's staff to discuss their audit and related findings as to the integrity of the financial reporting and the adequacy of internal controls for the preparation of the basic financial statements.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of a Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This Letter of Transmittal should be read in conjunction with the MD&A, which can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditor.

Respectfully,

#### Shae Hopkins

**Shae Hopkins Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer** 

# Elaine Crawford

**Elaine Crawford** Chief Administrative Officer



#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors Kentucky Authority for Educational Television Lexington, Kentucky

#### Report on the Audits of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (the Authority), a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and its discretely presented component unit, the Commonwealth Fund for KET, Inc., (collectively, KET), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise KET'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 financial position of the Authority and its discretely presented component unit, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and their cash flows 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of KET 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.

#### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, components of the Fund's net position have been restated to correct the classification of the Board-designated endowment funds. The Board-designated endowment funds were reclassified from restricted - expendable net position to unrestricted net position.

#### 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 KET'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.

Board of Directors Kentucky Authority for Educational Television Independent Auditor's Report, continued

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits 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 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 KET'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 KET'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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Board of Directors Kentucky Authority for Educational Television Independent Auditor's Report, continued

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 7 - 12 and the Supplementary Pension and OPEB Information on pages 62 - 67 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.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Transmittal Letter but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audits of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

#### **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited KET's 2023 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 3, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Board of Directors Kentucky Authority for Educational Television Independent Auditor's Report, continued

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## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 1, 2024 on our consideration of KET'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 KET'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 KET's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lexington, Kentucky October 1, 2024

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (the Authority), its blended component unit, Kentucky Educational Television Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation), and its discretely presented component unit, the Commonwealth Fund for KET, Inc. (the Fund), (collectively, KET) presents a discussion and analysis of KET's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. It is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and is intended to provide an easily readable explanation of the information in the basic financial statements (hereafter, the financial statements). It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin on page 13.

#### **Financial Highlights - The Authority and Foundation**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Authority and Foundation are less than its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by approximately \$36.9 million and \$53.4 million at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- Fund appropriations from the Commonwealth of Kentucky decreased by approximately \$1.1 million (or 13%) and increased by approximately \$2.5 million (or 16%) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- Programming and production costs, including related depreciation expense, totaled approximately \$16.9 million (or 62%) and \$16.8 million (or 54%) of the total operating expenses for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) provided support of approximately \$4.1 million (or 11%) and
   \$3.9 million (or 12%) of the operating budgets for each of the fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- Unrestricted support received from the Fund totaled approximately \$10.2 million (or 23%) and \$4.9 million (or 13%) of the total support for the fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. They include all revenues and expenses of the fiscal year even if no cash had been received or paid. KET's financial statements include:

#### **Statements of Net Position:**

The Statements of Net Position provide both short-term and long-term information about KET's financial position, which assists in assessing KET's economic condition at the end of the fiscal year.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited), continued

#### Overview of the Financial Statements, continued

#### Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position:

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position present information showing how KET's financial position has changed since the beginning of the fiscal year.

#### Statements of Cash Flows:

The Statements of Cash Flows provide relevant information about the cash receipts and cash payments of KET during the fiscal year. These statements assess KET's ability to generate net cash flows, meet obligations as they become due, KET's need for future external financing, the reasons for differences in operating and related cash receipts and payments, and the effects on KET's financial position of cash and non-cash investing, capital and financing activities.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements:**

Notes to the financial statements provide necessary information to understand the data provided in the financial statements. They are an integral part of the financial statements and focus on KET and its activities.

#### **Blended Component Unit:**

The Foundation was formed in 1971 as a non-profit corporation operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the Commonwealth) to support and further the educational, charitable and public purposes and activities of the Authority. The Foundation's primary purpose is to receive, hold and administer grants in the name of the Authority. The Foundation also assists in the development and production of educational television programs and materials for the benefit of the Commonwealth's citizens. The Foundation is presented as a blended component unit of the Authority with its financial information included with the Authority's because it is administered by the same Executive Director and governed by the same Board of Directors with the exception of the Board including a member of the Friends of KET and the Executive Director.

#### **Discretely Presented Component Unit:**

The Fund is a discretely presented component unit of the Authority. The Fund's operations are to support the Authority, which has financial accountability, but has certain independent qualities as well. More information on the discretely presented component unit can be found in the Description of the Organization in Note 1 of the financial statements.

#### Financial Analysis - the Authority and the Foundation

#### **Net Position:**

Net position serves as a useful indicator of a governmental entity's financial position. Net position is a negative balance and totaled \$36.9 million at the end of fiscal 2024, as compared to a negative amount of \$53.4 million at the end of fiscal 2023.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited), continued

#### Financial Analysis - the Authority and the Foundation, continued

#### **Net Position, continued:**

The largest portion of net position is the negative balance for unrestricted net position of \$- million and \$76.1 million at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Long-term liabilities, such as the net pension liability and the net other post employment benefits (OPEB) liability are recognized on the Statements of Net Position. The net pension liability totaled \$67.3 million, or 86.9% of total liabilities, at June 30, 2024 and \$74.9 million, or 80.4% of total liabilities, at June 30, 2023. The net OPEB liability totaled \$4.9 million, or 6.3% of total liabilities, at June 30, 2024 and \$12.8 million, or 13.7% of total liabilities, at June 30, 2023.

#### Condensed Statements of Net Position as of June 30

	2024	% Increase (Decrease)	2023
Current assets, less investments Investments Non-current assets, less investments and capital	\$ 12,827,295 2,299,075	22.0% 44.9%	\$ 10,515,780 1,586,844
assets Capital assets, net	9,936,579 <u>26,997,036</u>	(8.3)% 39.6%	10,841,736 19,337,237
Total assets	\$ <u>52,059,985</u>	23.1%	\$ <u>42,281,597</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	\$ <u>10,345,609</u>	(8.0)%	\$ <u>11,243,116</u>
Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	\$ 4,445,432 <u>72,970,512</u>	(2.6)% (17.6)%	\$ 4,564,057 88,601,681
Total liabilities	\$ <u>77,415,944</u>	(16.9)%	\$ <u>93,165,738</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	\$ <u>21,911,590</u>	59.3%	\$ <u>13,755,470</u>
Net position: Invested in capital assets Non-expendable Expendable - restricted for capital projects Expendable - for specific operating activities Unrestricted	\$ 26,608,788 250,000 2,984,334 - (66,765,062)	41.8% -% 13.1% (100.0)% 12.2%	\$ 18,771,213 250,000 2,639,659 1,002,545 (76,059,912)
Total net position	\$ <u>(36,921,940</u> )	30.9%	\$ <u>(53,396,495</u> )

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited), continued

#### Financial Analysis - the Authority and the Foundation, continued

#### **Changes in Net Position:**

Net position increased by approximately \$16.5 million and \$6.1 million during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The primary reason for the increase during fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was revenues for the Next Gen project.

# Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for Year Ended June 30

	2024	% Increase (Decrease)	2023
Operating revenues Operating expenses	\$ 9,125,114 <u>27,174,354</u>	8.6% (12.9)%	\$ 8,403,509 31,214,954
Net operating loss	(18,049,240)	20.9%	(22,811,445)
Non-operating income (expense): State appropriation Revenue from Next Gen Project Support received from the Fund Interest expense Interest and investment income	17,472,232 6,588,670 10,191,000 (17,582) 	(6.1)% 24.0% 106.8% (24.1)% 342.4%	18,599,325 5,313,243 4,927,000 (23,175) 65,433
Change in net position	\$ <u>16,474,555</u>		\$ <u>6,070,381</u>

#### Analysis of Capital Asset Activity for the Authority and the Foundation

The following table summarizes selected capital assets activity for the Authority and the Foundation as of June 30:

	2024	2023
Capital assets not being depreciated Other capital assets being depreciated, at historical cost Leased assets being amortized, at historical cost Subscription-based IT assets being amortized, at historical cost	\$ 3,608,660 75,702,257 374,731 	\$ 3,529,429 66,340,336 476,102 72,961
Total, at cost	79,758,609	70,418,828
Accumulated depreciation Accumulated amortization Related debt	(52,509,633) (251,940) <u>(388,248</u> )	,
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ <u>26,608,788</u>	\$ <u>18,771,213</u>

Net capital assets increased 41.8% and 25.4% for fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively. Depreciation and amortization totaled \$2.4 million, or 8.8% of operating expenses, and \$2.2 million, or 7.0% of operating expenses, for fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited), continued

#### **Financial Highlights of Discretely Presented Component Unit**

The Fund was formed in 1994 as a non-profit corporation operating in the Commonwealth to support and further the educational, charitable and public purposes and activities of the Authority and the related Foundation. The Fund's primary purpose is to receive, hold and administer funds provided by its fundraising activities for the benefit of KET.

Key financial highlights of the Fund include:

- The assets of the Fund exceeded its liabilities by approximately \$44.4 million and \$38.0 million at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- Net position increased by approximately \$6.4 million and \$3.4 million for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- The Fund raised approximately \$12.6 million in total revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, compared to approximately \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.
- Total support provided by the Fund to the Foundation was approximately \$10.2 million and \$4.9 million for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Fund currently maintains five endowments:

#### Donor-Restricted:

- The W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Arts Endowment was established in 1993, to support arts education. The endowment funds are used to educate through the support of quality productions and programs in the fine arts to develop creativity in children 12 years old and under. The account balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled approximately \$3.3 million and \$3.0 million, respectively.

#### Board-Designated:

- In 1999, the Fund established the O. Leonard Press 21st Century Endowment Fund. This endowment is used to support KET's public affairs programming and events. The account balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.
- In October 2003, the Fund established the Endowment for Kentucky Productions. This endowment is used to support KET's production, acquisition, and broadcast of quality programs and events that document or celebrate the people, places, history and legends of Kentucky. The account balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled approximately \$4.4 million and \$3.9 million, respectively.
- In October 2014, the Fund established the John R. Hall Endowment for Education. This endowment is used to support KET's educational resources and services from cradle to career. The account balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled approximately \$2.7 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.
- In 2020, the Fund established the KET/PBS Program Endowment Fund. This endowment is used to support KET's purchase of quality programming for viewers. The account balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled approximately \$69,000 and \$65,000, respectively.

## Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited), continued

#### **Contacting KET's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of KET's financial position. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Business Office, Kentucky Educational Television, 600 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY 40502-2296, or www.ket.org.

# Statements of Net Position

June 30, 2024 and 2023

		Kentucky Authority for Educational Television		ommonwealth und for KET, Inc.	Rep	2024 porting Entity	Re	2023 porting Entity
Assets								
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Receivables:	\$	10,276,558 -	\$	1,836,585 29,593,161	\$	12,113,143 29,593,161	\$	11,175,893 24,168,537
Grants receivable  Due from state for capital projects		191,534 382,595		58,000 -		249,534 382,595		425,260 816,005
Underwriting Accrued interest		26,660		501,277 61,347		501,277 88,007		266,810 54,798
Accounts receivable Current portion of lease receivable Costs incurred for programs not yet		424,811 804,994		1,068 -		425,879 804,994		428,824 562,565
broadcast Public and instructional television		195,903		-		195,903		118,602
program rights, current Promises to give		130,629 -		- 1,050,000		130,629 1,050,000		139,210 -
Receivable from the Fund Prepaid expenses	_	99,468 294,143	_	- 50,559	_	99,468 <u>344,702</u>		88,160 293,856
Total current assets		12,827,295		33,151,997		45,979,292		38,538,520
Non-current assets:								
Restricted cash and cash equivalents Cash held for endowment purposes		552,664 -		- 438,846		552,664 438,846		1,286,270 554,262
Promises to give, net of current portion Restricted investments		- 2,299,075		200,000 -		200,000 2,299,075		- 1,586,844
Investments held for endowment purposes		-		11,166,758		11,166,758		9,741,331
Lease receivable, net of current portion Public and instructional television program rights, net of current portion		9,316,277		-		9,316,277		9,501,083
Capital assets, net	_	67,638 <u>26,997,036</u>	_	- 193,021		67,638 <u>27,190,057</u>		54,383 19,580,145
Total non-current assets	_	39,232,690		11,998,625		51,231,31 <u>5</u>		42,304,318
Total assets	\$	52,059,985	\$	45,150,622	\$	97,210,607	\$	80,842,838
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>								
Deferred amount related to pension plan Deferred amount related to OPEB	\$	6,710,888 3,634,721	\$ _	<u>.</u>	\$ 	6,710,888 3,634,721	\$	7,184,719 4,058,397
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$	10,345,609	\$	-	\$	10,345,609	\$	11,243,116

Liabilities	E	Kentucky authority for Educational Television		ommonwealth und for KET, Inc.	Re	2024 porting Entity	R	2023 eporting Entity
Liabilities								
Current liabilities:     Accounts payable     Due to the Authority     Accrued wages     Current portion of compensated leave     Current portion of note payable     Current portion of lease liabilities     Current portion of SBITA liabilities     Unearned revenue	\$	836,010 - 836,710 1,228,133 197,333 88,854 14,104 1,244,288	\$	24,731 99,468 - - - 4,204 35,791 550,705	<b>\$</b>	860,741 99,468 836,710 1,228,133 197,333 93,058 49,895 1,794,993	\$	309,258 88,160 761,410 1,136,730 152,218 90,371 65,461 2,490,917
Total current liabilities		4,445,432		714,899		5,160,331		5,094,525
Non-current liabilities: Compensated leave, net of current portion Note payable, net of current portion Lease liabilities, net of current portion SBITA liabilities, net of current portion Net pension liability Net OPEB liability		657,873 - 87,957 - 67,340,444 4,884,238	_	- - 9,175 - -	_	657,873 - 97,132 - 67,340,444 4,884,238	_	538,469 197,333 98,129 49,896 74,928,909 12,838,115
Total non-current liabilities		72,970,512		9,175		72,979,687		88,650,851
Total liabilities	\$	77,415,944	\$	724,074	\$	78,140,018	\$	93,745,376
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>								
Deferred amount related to pension plan Deferred amount related to OPEB Deferred amount related to lease revenue	\$ 	3,617,695 7,838,444 10,455,451	\$_	- - -	\$	3,617,695 7,838,444 10,455,451	\$	488,614 2,338,802 10,928,054
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$	21,911,590	\$_		\$	21,911,590	\$	13,755,470
Net Position								
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted:	\$	26,608,788	\$	143,851	\$	26,752,639	\$	18,926,737
Non-expendable Expendable:		250,000		2,023,583		2,273,583		2,273,583
Capital projects Specific operating activities, as restated Unrestricted:		2,984,334 -		- 2,481,068		2,984,334 2,481,068		2,639,659 1,954,055
Board-designated endowments, as restated Available for operations		- (66,765,062)	_	8,365,905 31,412,141	_	8,365,905 (35,352,921)	_	7,328,999 (48,537,925)
Total net position	\$	(36,921,940)	\$_	44,426,548	\$_	7,504,608	\$_	(15,414,892)

See accompanying notes.

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	E	Kentucky authority for Educational Television		ommonwealth und for KET, Inc.	Re	2024 porting Entity	_[	2023 Reporting Entity
Operating revenues: Charges for services Private gifts and grants Adult and continuing education Fundraising Fees received from the Fund Lease revenue Miscellaneous	\$	865,676 6,033,094 535,031 - 26,400 1,583,904 81,009	\$	- 5,382,679 - 7,224,259 - - 27,618	\$	865,676 11,415,773 535,031 7,224,259 26,400 1,583,904 108,627	\$	1,276,374 5,214,105 591,337 6,685,397 26,400 1,379,373 240,753
Total operating revenues		9,125,114		12,634,556		21,759,670		15,413,739
Operating expenses: Programming and production Broadcasting Program information Management Fundraising Pension expense OPEB (benefit) expense  Total operating expenses  Operating (loss) income		16,902,298 2,127,166 1,714,207 5,801,236 - 1,226,913 (597,466) 27,174,354 (18,049,240)		- - 1,546,887 1,201,663 - - - 2,748,550 9,886,006	_	16,902,298 2,127,166 1,714,207 7,348,123 1,201,663 1,226,913 (597,466) 29,922,904 (8,163,234)	-	16,836,427 2,259,831 1,510,277 7,182,653 1,105,179 4,055,032 900,828 33,850,227 (18,436,488)
Non-operating income (expense): State appropriation Federal funds Support received from the Fund Payments to the Foundation Interest expense Investment return		17,472,232 6,588,670 10,191,000 - (17,582) 289,475		- - - (10,191,000) - 6,749,939	_	17,472,232 6,588,670 10,191,000 (10,191,000) (17,582) 7,039,414	-	18,599,325 5,313,243 4,927,000 (4,927,000) (23,175) 4,037,742
Total non-operating income (expense)		34,523,79 <u>5</u>		(3,441,061)		31,082,734		27, <u>927,135</u>
Change in net position		16,474,555	_	6,444,945		22,919,500	-	9,490,647
Net position, beginning of year		(53,396,495)	_	37,981,603	_	(15,414,892)	_	(24,905,539)
Net position, end of year	\$ <u></u>	(36,921,940)	\$_	44,426,548	\$	7,504,608	\$	(15,414,892)

## Statements of Cash Flows

	E	Kentucky uthority for Educational Television		Commonwealth Fund for KET, Inc.	Re	2024 porting Entity	Re	2023 eporting Entity
Cash flows from operating activities: Cash received from customers Cash received from contributions Cash paid to suppliers for goods and	\$	2,400,164 5,442,841	\$	- 11,319,393	\$	2,400,164 16,762,234	\$	2,522,750 12,389,560
services Cash paid for personnel services		(26,734,580) (3,171,400)	_	(2,663,660)		(29,398,240) (3,171,400)		(29,846,659) (3,065,181)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(22,062,975)		8,655,733		(13,407,242)		(17,999,530)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:								
State appropriation Contributions from (to) component units		17,472,232 10,191,000	-	- (10,191,000)	_	17,472,232		18,599,325 -
Net cash provided by (used in) non- capital financing activities		27,663,232		(10,191,000)		17,472,232		18,599,325
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities: Payments on long-term debt Payments on lease and SBITA liabilities Interest paid on long-term debt Reimbursements for Next Gen Project Purchase of capital assets		(152,218) (129,299) (17,582) 7,006,513 (10,105,452)	-	- (38,214) - - -	_	(152,218) (167,513) (17,582) 7,006,513 (10,105,452)	_	(147,370) (246,869) (23,175) 4,980,695 (5,564,834)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(3,398,038)		(38,214)		(3,436,252)		(1,001,553)
Cash flows from investing activities:  Net investment activity in  Commonwealth's cash and investment pool  Purchase of investments  Proceeds from sales of investments Investment earnings	_	(712,231) - - 289,475	_	- (17,010,730) 16,331,619 561,357	_	(712,231) (17,010,730) 16,331,619 850,832	_	(830,409) (11,834,943) 12,642,567 531,030
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	_	(422,756)	-	(117,754)		(540,510)	_	508,245
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		1,779,463		(1,691,235)		88,228		106,487
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		9,049,759	-	3,966,666	_	13,016,425	_	12,909,938
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	10,829,222	\$_	2,275,431	\$_	13,104,653	\$	13,016,425

# Statements of Cash Flows, continued

	E	Kentucky uthority for Educational Television		ommonwealth und for KET, Inc.	Rep	2024 porting Entity	Re	2023 eporting Entity
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to statement of net position:								
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents Cash held for endowment purposes	\$	10,276,558 552,664 -	\$	1,836,585 - 438,846	\$	12,113,143 552,664 438,846	\$	11,175,893 1,286,270 554,262
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u></u>	10,829,222	\$ <u>_</u>	2,275,431	\$ <u></u>	13,104,653	\$ <u></u>	13,016,425
Reconciliation of operating (loss) income to net cash (used in) provided by								
operating activities: Operating (loss) income Adjustments:	\$	(18,049,240)	\$	9,886,006	\$	(8,163,234)	\$	(18,436,488)
Depreciation and amortization  Loss on disposal of capital assets  Increase (decrease) in cash due to  changes in:		2,351,082 198,312		49,887 -		2,400,969 198,312		2,169,806
Grants receivable Underwriting receivable		205,726 -		(30,000) (234,467)		175,726 (234,467)		(285,924) 100,548
Accounts receivable Costs incurred for programs not yet broadcast		(54,221)		57,166		2,945		(198,382)
Public and instructional television program rights		(77,301) (4,674)		-		(77,301) (4,674)		(57,844) 41,551
Lease receivable Promises to give		(57,623) -		- (1,250,000)		(57,623) (1,250,000)		408,455 10,500
Receivable from the Fund Prepaid expenses Deferred outflows of resources - pension		(11,308) (45,337)		(5,509)		(11,308) (50,846)		58,250 (77,324)
related  Deferred outflows of resources -		473,831		-		473,831		902,069
OPEB related Accounts payable		423,676 549,897		1,586		423,676 551,483		(24,914) 164,718
Due to the Authority Accrued wages Compensated leave		- 75,300 210,807		11,308 -		11,308 75,300 210,807		(58,250) 59,087 333,239
Unearned revenue Net pension liability		(865,680) (7,588,465)		- 169,756 -		(695,924) (7,588,465)		448,074 3,083,042
Net OPEB liability  Deferred inflows of resources - pension		(7,953,877)		-		(7,953,877)		497,542
related Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB related		3,129,081 5,499,642		-		3,129,081 5,499,642		(5,094,557) (1,031,887)
Deferred amount related to lease revenue		(472,603)				(472,603)		(1,010,841)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ <u></u>	(22,062,975)	\$_	8,655,733	\$ <u></u>	(13,407,242)	\$ <u></u>	(17,999,530)

Statements of Cash Flows, continued

	Au Ed	Centucky Ithority for Iucational elevision	 mmonwealth ind for KET, Inc.	Rep	2024 porting Entity	Re	2023 porting Entity
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow							
information:  Non-cash investing, capital, and financing							
activities:							
Change in fair value of investments	\$	-	\$ 4,239,117	\$	4,239,117	\$	3,736,930
Assets recorded with associated							
liabilities under GASB 87		103,741	-		103,741		-
Assets recorded with associated							
liabilities upon adoption of GASB							
96		-	-		-		175,441

Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 1. Description of the Organization

The Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (the Authority) is a public body, corporate and politic, of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the Commonwealth) established by Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) Chapter 168 that prescribes and enforces regulations governing the use of educational television, television facilities and related functions, the production and transmission of educational television programs and related services. The Authority is a component unit of the Commonwealth's basic financial statements as a discretely presented component unit.

The basic financial statements (hereafter, the financial statements) present the activities of the Authority (primary government) and its significant component units (collectively, KET). The component units discussed below are included in the reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the Authority. The component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance part of the Authority's operations and exist solely to provide services for the Authority.

#### Blended Component Unit

The Kentucky Educational Television Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) is a legally separate taxexempt organization supporting the Authority. The Foundation also assists the Authority in the development and production of educational television programs and materials for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth. The Authority and the Foundation are administered by the same Executive Director and governed by the same Board of Directors (the Board) with the exception of the Foundation whose Board includes a member of the Friends of KET and the Executive Director. Although it is legally separate from the Authority, data from the Foundation is reported as if it were part of the Authority because it is substantively the same.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in the financial statements.

#### Discretely Presented Component Unit

The Commonwealth Fund for KET, Inc. (the Fund) is a legally separate tax-exempt Kentucky corporation which receives, holds, and administers gifts and grants in the name of the Authority. The Fund acts primarily as a fundraising organization to supplement the resources that are available to the Authority and the Foundation in support of their programs. The majority of resources or income thereon that the Fund holds and invests is restricted by donors to the activities of the Authority and the Foundation. These resources held by the Fund can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the Authority and the Foundation. The Fund is considered a component unit of the Authority and is discretely presented in the Authority's financial statements. Separate financial statements for the Fund can be obtained from the Fund's business office.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This summary of significant accounting policies of KET is presented to assist in understanding KET's financial statements. The financial statements and related notes are representations of KET management who are responsible for their integrity and objectivity. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies consistently followed by KET in the preparation of its financial statements:

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). KET is presented as enterprise funds and are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The financial statements of KET include disclosures required by the "Principles of Accounting and Financial Reporting for Public Telecommunications Entities" as prescribed by the Public Telecommunications Financing Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-567).

#### Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Description of Net Position Classes

Net position is classified in the following components:

*Invested in capital assets, net -* Consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, and reduced by the balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets.

Restricted non-expendable - Consists of non-capital assets subject to externally imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently.

Restricted expendable - Consists of non-capital assets that must be used for particular purpose, as specified by creditors, grantors, or donors external to KET.

*Unrestricted* - Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position that does not meet the definition of invested in capital assets, net or restricted net position.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in checking and money market accounts, depository accounts that invest in overnight repurchase agreements and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of less than three months.

#### <u>Investments</u>

Investments are stated at fair value. 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. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Investment return includes the unrealized gains or losses from changes in the fair value of the investments, as well as the realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold, during the year.

#### Receivables

KET routinely grants open-end credit to schools, universities and other state public broadcasting systems. Receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. KET considers receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. If amounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to operations when that determination is made.

#### Fundraising, Private Gifts and Grants

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as revenues in the period received and are recorded as unrestricted, expendable restricted or non-expendable restricted support depending on the existence and nature of any donor restrictions. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value.

Conditional promises to give are recorded only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional. Promises to give are stated at the net present value of the expected future payments. In addition, management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual pledges. Based on these criteria, KET has estimated no allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, because management expects no material losses.

#### Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

Leases are contracts that convey control of a right to use another entity's non-financial asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), continued

SBITAs are agreements that convey the control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

#### Short-term leases and SBITAs

For leases and SBITAs with a maximum term of 12-months or less at the commencement date of the agreement, KET recognizes lease and SBITA expense as amounts become due under the agreement.

#### Lease and SBITA right-to-use assets and liabilities

Lease and SBITA liabilities on the statements of net position represent the present value of payments expected to be made during the term of the agreements. Payments under the agreements are discounted to present value using the rate implicit in the agreement, when it can be readily determined, or KET's incremental borrowing rate at the commencement of the agreement. In subsequent years, amortization of the discount is included in interest expense in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Variable payments based on future performance of KET, usage of the underlying asset or criteria other than an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease/SBITA liability. Those variable payments are recognized as an expense in the period in which the obligation for those payments is incurred.

At commencement of the agreement, a right-to-use asset is recorded on the statements of net position in an amount equal to the corresponding lease/SBITA liability plus payments paid by KET at or before the commencement of the agreement's term, less any incentives received from the lessor/SBITA vendor at or before the commencement of the agreement's term. The right-to-use asset also includes any initial direct costs or capitalizable implementation costs that are necessary to place the agreement's asset into service. The right-to-use asset is amortized over the shorter of the agreement's term or the useful life of the right-to-use asset.

Subsequent to the commencement of the agreement, the liability and right-to-use asset are remeasured if certain criteria are met.

#### KET as Lessor

Lease receivables represent the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term, reduced by a provision for estimated uncollectible amounts, if necessary. Lease payments are discounted to present value using the rate implicit in the lease. In subsequent years, amortization of the discount is recognized as interest income and included within rental income.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), continued

KET as Lessor, continued

Variable payments based on the future performance of the lessee, usage of the underlying asset or criteria other than an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease receivables. Those variable payments are recognized as rental income in the period to which those payments relate.

At commencement of the lease, a deferred inflow of resources is recorded in an amount equal to the corresponding lease receivable plus certain additional amounts received from the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods, less any lease incentives paid to, or on behalf of, the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term. The deferred inflow of resources is recognized as rental income in a systematic and rational manner (generally, straight-line approach) over the term of the lease.

Subsequent to the commencement of the lease, the lease receivables and the deferred inflow of resources are remeasured if certain criteria are met.

#### Costs Incurred for Programs Not Yet Broadcast

Costs incurred for programs not yet broadcast relate to programs produced that will be broadcast in subsequent periods. Grants and contributions received by KET restricted to support such programs are included in unearned revenue if the donor requires commensurate value in return for their support. As the programs are initially broadcast, the costs incurred by KET will be recorded as expenses and the unearned revenue will be recorded as revenue. If the donor's support is non-reciprocal in nature, the grants and contributions are included as revenue in expendable net position for specific operating activities.

Program status is evaluated annually. Costs associated with programs not considered to have future benefit are adjusted to net realizable value.

#### Public and Instructional Television Program Rights

Program series and other syndicated products are recorded at the lower of unamortized cost or estimated net realizable value. Generally, purchased program rights for KET are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of expected usage. Amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$164,557 and \$227,343, respectively.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost or, in the case of donated property, at the estimated fair value at the date of the gift to KET. The capitalization threshold for KET is \$5,000. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which ranges from three to thirty years.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for enterprise funds are those that result from providing services. It also includes all revenues and expenses not related to capital and related financing, non-capital financing, or investing activities.

#### State Appropriation

State appropriation represents the funds designated for the Authority in the Commonwealth's budget. Funds are recognized as non-operating revenue in the year budgeted by the Commonwealth. Funds not received in the same year as budgeted are recognized as receivables.

# Program and Production Underwriting

Revenue for program and production underwriting is recorded on a pro rata basis for the period covered.

#### Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

KET participates in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) administered by the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA). These are cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension and OPEB plans, which cover all eligible full-time employees and provide for retirement, health insurance, disability and death benefits to plan members.

Cost-sharing governmental employers are required to report a net pension and OPEB liability, pension and OPEB expense, and pension and OPEB related deferred outflows/inflows of resources based on their proportionate share of the collective amounts for all governments in the plans. For purposes of measuring the net pension and OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB, and pension and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of KERS and additions to or deductions from KERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by KERS. For this purpose, benefit payments and health insurance premiums (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, requiring KET to recognize liabilities for compensated absences for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through non-cash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through non-cash means. This statement becomes effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. KET is evaluating the impact of this statement on the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Restatement

The components of net position specific to the Fund have been restated to correct the classification of the Board-designated endowment funds. The Board-designated endowment funds were reclassified from restricted - expendable net position to unrestricted net position.

The Fund restatement was as follows:

	As Previously Reported	As Restated	Change
Net position at July 1, 2022: Restricted - expendable Unrestricted	\$ 7,551,797 24,817,520	\$ 776,234 31,593,083	\$ 6,775,563 (6,775,563)
Net position at June 30, 2023: Restricted - expendable Unrestricted	8,280,509 27,521,987	951,510 34,850,986	7,328,999 (7,328,999)

#### **Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events for accounting and disclosure requirements through October 1, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### 3. Cash Deposits

#### The Authority and the Foundation

A portion of the Authority's cash is a part of the Commonwealth's cash and investment pool. The carrying amount of the Authority's cash and cash equivalents invested in the Commonwealth's cash and investment pool at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$817,875 and \$1,087,554, respectively. See the Commonwealth's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2024, for disclosure of the credit risk classification of the Commonwealth's cash and investment pool.

The Authority and Foundation have deposits with financial institutions as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. The carrying amount of the Authority's and Foundation's deposits with financial institutions was \$4,463,926 and \$3,712,492 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Authority's and Foundation's cash balances were fully collateralized on June 30, 2024 and 2023 with securities held by the Authority's and Foundation's agent in the Authority's and Foundation's name.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 3. Cash Deposits, continued

#### The Authority and the Foundation, continued

Cash received from donors or grantors and capital appropriations from the Commonwealth are restricted due to requirements on how the money is to be used. The Authority has \$302,664 and \$236,810 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, of cash restricted for capital projects. The Foundation had no cash restricted for grants at June 30, 2024, and had \$799,460 at June 30, 2023 of cash restricted for grants. The Foundation has \$250,000 of non-expendable restricted cash at June 30, 2024 and 2023 related to the National Endowment for the Arts.

#### The Fund

The Fund has deposits with financial institutions and investment brokerage firms at June 30, 2024 and 2023. The carrying amount of the Fund's deposits with financial institutions was \$2,275,431 and \$3,966,666 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Fund's cash balances with financial institutions were fully collateralized as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. Included in the Fund's deposits with financial institutions at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are depository accounts that invest in overnight repurchase agreements totaling \$4,400,258 and \$924,198, respectively.

Cash received from donors or grantors is restricted due to requirements on how the money is to be used. The Fund has \$438,846 and \$554,262 of cash as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, held for endowments (see Note 14).

#### 4. Investments

#### The Authority and the Foundation

A portion of the Authority's investments are held directly in the Commonwealth's cash and investment pool, which has statutory responsibility and authority to safeguard the funds. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Authority's share of investments in the Commonwealth's cash and investment pool totaled \$2,299,075 and \$1,586,844, all of which is restricted for capital projects. The investment income for the Authority and the Foundation totaled \$289,475 and \$65,433 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and consisted of interest earned. Legally authorized investments generally include obligations of or guaranteed by the United States; obligations of any corporation of the United States Government; asset backed securities; U.S. dollar denominated corporate securities; collateralized certificates of deposit; bankers' acceptances; commercial paper and repurchase agreements. The Commonwealth is also eligible to invest in reverse repurchase agreements. See the Commonwealth's ACFR for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 for disclosure of the credit risk classification of the Commonwealth's cash and investment pool.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of an institution's failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Authority's investments are neither insured nor registered, but are held by the Authority's custodial agent in the Authority's name.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 4. Investments, continued

#### The Fund

The Fund's investment policy permits the following investments:

- Obligations and contracts for future delivery of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States or a United States governmental agency or corporation, including but not limited to:
  - United States Treasury
  - Farmers Home Administration
  - Governmental National Mortgage Association
  - Federal National Mortgage Association
  - Federal Home Loan Bank
  - Federal Farm Credit Banks
- Collateralized Certificates of Deposit or uncollateralized Certificates of Deposit issued by banks rated in one of the three highest categories by a nationally recognized agency or other interest bearing accounts in depository institutions chartered by the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the United States to the extent guaranteed by deposit insurance
- Commercial paper rated as investment grade
- Bankers' acceptances for banks rated in one of the three highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency
- Mutual funds, at least 90% of whose assets are of the type listed above
- Publicly held individual equities or stock mutual funds

The policy is designed to limit interest rate risk, market risk, and concentration of credit risk as follows:

- No more than 75% of the total funds should be invested in equities or stock funds
- No more than 30% of the total funds should be invested in bonds, other fixed income obligations or cash and cash equivalents
- No more than 15% of the total funds should be invested in cash or cash equivalents
- No more than 10% of total funds should be invested in obligations of one obligor, unless that obligor is the United States government or agencies thereof
- No more than 25% of the total funds should be in one mutual fund
- Equity investment in any one company shall be limited at purchase to 5% of the total funds
- Equity investment in any one company shall be limited in market value to 10% of the total funds
- The Fund shall not hold unsecured investments in any one industry in an amount exceeding 20% of the market value of the total funds

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 4. Investments, continued

#### The Fund, continued

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The Fund's investments are currently invested with approximately 5.1% and 4.1% in domestic corporate bonds and 4.9% and 4.4% in fixed income mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. ETFs are marketable securities that track an index, a commodity, bonds, or a basket of assets like an index fund. ETFs trade like common stocks on the stock exchange.

The following investment tables outline the weighted average maturities for each category of investments. The Fund has elected to use the weighted average maturity method to outline the potential interest rate risk in the fixed income portfolio. The investment tables also present the credit ratings for each investment type to outline potential credit risk.

Investments in debt and equity securities with readily determinable fair values are carried at fair value.

The Fund's investments at June 30, 2024 were comprised of the following:

	Weighted	
<u>Fair Value</u>	Average Maturity	Rating
	(in years)	
\$ 201,474	2.42	AAA
348,277	4.54	AA
51,261	8.88	AAA
241,277	3.63	AA
947,139	2.99	Α
49,676	1.25	BAA
859,798	3.31	BBB
26,621,376	N/A	N/A
102,050	N/A	N/A
1,997,160	N/A	N/A
6,091,802	N/A	N/A
3,248,629	1.93	N/A
\$ <u>40,759,919</u>		
	\$ 201,474 348,277 51,261 241,277 947,139 49,676 859,798 26,621,376 102,050 1,997,160 6,091,802 3,248,629	Fair Value       Average Maturity (in years)         \$ 201,474       2.42         348,277       4.54         51,261       8.88         241,277       3.63         947,139       2.99         49,676       1.25         859,798       3.31         26,621,376       N/A         102,050       N/A         1,997,160       N/A         6,091,802       N/A         3,248,629       1.93

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#### 4. Investments, continued

#### The Fund, continued

The Fund's investment balances were comprised of the following at June 30, 2023:

Investment Type	<u>Fair Value</u>	Weighted <u>Average Maturity</u> (in years)	Rating	
U.S. Government Securities	\$ 209,158	3.16	AAA	
Domestic Corporate Bonds	105,555	4.69	AA	
Domestic Corporate Bonds	592,166	2.82	Α	
Domestic Corporate Bonds	33,508	1.62	BAA	
Domestic Corporate Bonds	669,423	3.81	BBB	
Domestic Equities	19,589,228	N/A	N/A	
Real Estate Investment Trusts	110,528	N/A	N/A	
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	1,537,510	N/A	N/A	
Equity Mutual Funds	7,650,817	N/A	N/A	
Certificates of Deposit	3,411,975	2.05	N/A	
Total	\$ <u>33,909,868</u>			

Investment return is summarized as follows for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 751,396	\$ 629,065
Realized gains (losses)	1,931,824	(255,629)
Unrealized gains	4,239,117	3,736,930
Investment fees	<u>(172,398</u> )	(138,057)
Total	\$ <u>6,749,939</u>	\$ 3,972,309

The calculation of realized gains and losses is independent of the calculation of the net increase of the fair value of investments. Realized gains and losses on investments that had been held in more than one fiscal year and sold in the current year may have been recognized as an increase or decrease in the fair value of investments reported in the prior year.

The Fund has non-expendable investments of \$2,023,583 at both June 30, 2024 and 2023 and investments expendable for specific purposes of \$9,158,127 and \$7,726,247 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These investments are included in endowments (see Note 14). All other investments are donations to be used as determined by the Fund's Board of Directors.

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#### 5. Fair Value of Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that KET has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input is observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Fund are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Fund are deemed to be actively traded.

Common stocks: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Corporate bonds: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This included basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

*U.S. government securities:* Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

Real estate investment trusts: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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#### 5. Fair Value of Measurements, continued

Investments in the Commonwealth's cash and investment pool: Valued by the Commonwealth based on the value of underlying securities using quoted prices in active markets for similar securities and interest rates and allocated to the investee according to its share of the pool.

The following table sets forth by level, within the hierarchy, the Authority's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30:

	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Commonwealth's cash and investment pool, at fair value	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>2,299,075</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>2,299,075</u>
	Assets	s at Fair Value a	s of June 30,	<u>2023</u>
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Commonwealth's cash and investment pool, at fair value	\$ -	\$ 1,586,844	\$ -	\$ 1,586,844

The following table sets forth by level, within the hierarchy, the Fund's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30:

#### Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024

	Level 1	Level 2	L	evel 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 8,088,962		\$	-	\$ 8,088,962
Common stocks Corporate bonds	26,621,376 -	- 2,149,151		-	26,621,376 2,149,151
U.S. government securities Real estate investment trusts	- 102,050	549,751 -		-	549,751 102,050
Total, at fair value	\$ <u>34,812,388</u>	\$ <u>2,698,902</u>	\$		37,511,290
Certificates of deposit					3,248,629
Total investments					\$ <u>40,759,919</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 5. Fair Value of Measurements, continued

#### Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds Common stocks Corporate bonds U.S. government securities Real estate investment trusts	\$ 9,188,327 19,589,228 - - 110,528	\$ - 1,400,652 209,158	\$ - - - - -	\$ 9,188,327 19,589,228 1,400,652 209,158 110,528
Total, at fair value	\$ <u>28,888,083</u>	\$ <u>1,609,810</u>	\$	30,497,893
Certificates of deposit				3,411,975
Total investments				\$ <u>33,909,868</u>

KET's policy is to recognize transfers between levels as of the actual date of the event or change in circumstances. There were no transfers between levels during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

KET holds investments which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with these securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the various risk factors will occur in the near term that could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements.

#### 6. Leases as Lessor

The Authority has a long-term agreement for the use of its Educational Broadband Service spectrum excess capacity. The agreement commenced on March 5, 2008 and was for a period of 10 years, which can be renewed for two additional terms of 10 years each. In March 2018, the agreement was renewed through April 2028. Under the terms of the agreement, the Authority received an initial fee of \$4,000,000, and receives monthly fees ranging from \$17,500 to \$82,500 over the full 30-year term of the agreement. The \$4,000,000 initial payment has been deferred and is being recognized as revenue on a straight-line basis over the 30-year term of the agreement. If the agreement is terminated prior to the extended terms, the remaining balance will be recognized as income at that time.

Additionally, the Authority has entered into other lease agreements involving tower space or excess capacity with maturity dates through February 2038, with total monthly fees ranging from approximately \$500 to \$37,500. The total amount of inflows of resources, including lease revenue, interest revenue, and other lease-related inflows, recognized during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$1,583,904 and \$1,379,373, respectively.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 7. Capital Assets

The Authority's and the Foundation's capital assets are comprised of the following at June 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated: Construction in progress Land	\$ 3,453,346 76,083	\$ 3,340,629 -	\$ 3,261,398 	\$ 3,532,577 76,083
Total capital assets not being depreciated	3,529,429	3,340,629	3,261,398	3,608,660
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	16,646,334	645,226	397,075	16,894,485
Furniture and fixtures	168,093	-	15,974	152,119
Graphics	347,771	-	-	347,771
Information services	588,627	-	-	588,627
Production equipment	4,268,248	-	44,468	4,223,780
Studio equipment	11,934,428	8,572,733	159,510	20,347,651
Transmitter equipment	31,218,215	808,262	47,273	31,979,204
Other equipment	1,150,008	-	-	1,150,008
Vehicles	<u> 18,612</u>			<u> 18,612</u>
Total, at historical cost	66,340,336	10,026,221	664,300	75,702,257
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	15,722,737	154,548	198,763	15,678,522
Furniture and fixtures	135,841	7,302	15,974	127,169
Graphics	347,771	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	347,771
Information services	534,020	37,900	-	571,920
Production equipment	4,126,813	95,738	44,468	4,178,083
Studio equipment	9,810,541	530,277	159,510	10,181,308
Transmitter equipment	18,936,419	1,381,161	47,273	20,270,307
Other equipment	1,144,517	3,832	-	1,148,349
Vehicles	2,482	3,722		6,204
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>50,761,141</u>	2,214,480	465,988	52,509,633
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	15,579,195	7,811,741	198,312	23,192,624

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 7. Capital Assets, continued

	Beginning			Ending
	<u>Balance</u>	Increases	Decreases	Balance
Leased assets being amortized:				
Equipment	114,652	72,675	50,995	136,332
Vehicles	207,333	31,066	-	238,399
Buildings	<u>154,117</u>		<u> 154,117</u>	
Total leased assets	476,102	103,741	205,112	374,731
Less: accumulated amortization:				
Equipment	70,176	33,973	50,995	53,154
Vehicles	66,209	72,681	-	138,890
Buildings	<u> 154,117</u>		<u> 154,117</u>	
Total accumulated				
amortization	290,502	106,654	205,112	192,044
Total leased assets being amortized, net	185,600	(2,913)	-	182,687
SBITA assets being amortized:				
SBITA assets	72,961	-	-	72,961
Less: accumulated amortization	29,948	29,948		59,896
Total SBITA assets being				
amortized, net	43,013	(29,948)		<u>13,065</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>19,337,237</u>	\$ <u>11,119,509</u>	\$ <u>3,459,710</u>	\$ <u>26,997,036</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 7. Capital Assets, continued

The Fund's capital assets are comprised of the following at June 30, 2024:

		Beginning Balance			ecreases	Ending Balance		
Capital assets being depreciated: Buildings Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$	832,341 41,585	<b>\$</b> _	-	<b>\$</b>	52,934 17,737	\$_	779,407 23,848
Total, at historical cost		873,926		-		70,671		803,255
Less: accumulated depreciation Buildings Furniture, fixtures, and		674,883		11,532		52,934		633,481
equipment  Total accumulated	_	41,585	_			17,737		23,848
depreciation	_	716,468	_	11,532		70,671	_	657,329
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		157,458		(11,532)		-		145,926
Leased assets being amortized: Equipment		25,025		-		-		25,025
Less: accumulated amortization	_	7,89 <u>5</u>	_	<u>4,195</u>				12,090
Total leased assets being amortized, net		17,130		(4,195)		-		12,935
SBITA assets being amortized: SBITA assets		102,480		-		-		102,480
Less: accumulated amortization	_	34,160	_	34,160			_	68,320
Total SBITA assets being amortized, net		68,320		(34,160)				34,160
Capital assets, net	\$_	242,908	\$_	(49,887)	\$_		\$_	193,021

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 7. Capital Assets, continued

The Authority's and the Foundation's capital assets are comprised of the following at June 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated: Construction in progress Land	\$ 145,569 <u>76,083</u>	\$ 3,307,777	\$ -	\$ 3,453,346 76,083
Total capital assets not being				
depreciated	221,652	3,307,777	-	3,529,429
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	16,650,382	83,856	87,904	16,646,334
Furniture and fixtures	132,171	36,512	590	168,093
Graphics	347,771	-	-	347,771
Information services	669,051	-	80,424	588,627
Production equipment	4,340,234	-	71,986	4,268,248
Studio equipment	10,373,502	1,882,145	321,219	11,934,428
Transmitter equipment	31,702,217	235,248	719,250	31,218,215
Other equipment	1,223,518	-	73,510	1,150,008
Vehicles	9,789	<u>18,612</u>	9,789	<u>18,612</u>
Total, at historical cost	65,448,635	2,256,373	1,364,672	66,340,336
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	15,638,700	171,941	87,904	15,722,737
Furniture and fixtures	132,171	4,260	590	135,841
Graphics	347,771	-	-	347,771
Information services	577,435	37,009	80,424	534,020
Production equipment	4,062,649	136,150	71,986	4,126,813
Studio equipment	9,822,967	308,793	321,219	9,810,541
Transmitter equipment	18,395,205	1,260,464	719,250	18,936,419
Other equipment	1,214,195	3,832	73,510	1,144,517
Vehicles	9,789	2,482	9,789	2,482
Total accumulated depreciation	50,200,882	1,924,931	1,364,672	<u>50,761,141</u>
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	15,247,753	331,442	-	15,579,195

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 7. Capital Assets, continued

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Leased assets being amortized:				
Equipment	114,652	_	_	114,652
Vehicles	114,355	144,562	51,584	207,333
Buildings	154,117			<u> 154,117</u>
Total leased assets	383,124	144,562	51,584	476,102
Less: accumulated amortization:				
Equipment	35,088	35,088	-	70,176
Vehicles Vehicles	39,622	60,359	33,772	66,209
Buildings	84,064	70,053		<u> 154,117</u>
Total accumulated				
amortization	<u>158,774</u>	<u>165,500</u>	33,772	290,502
Total leased assets being				
amortized, net	224,350	(20,938)	17,812	185,600
SBITA assets being amortized:				
SBITA assets	72,961	-	-	72,961
Less: accumulated amortization		29,948		29,948
Total SBITA assets being				
amortized, net	72,961	(29,948)		43,013
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>15,766,716</u>	\$ <u>3,588,333</u>	\$ <u>17,812</u>	\$ <u>19,337,237</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 7. Capital Assets, continued

The Fund's capital assets are comprised of the following at June 30, 2023:

	ginning alance	Ir	ncreases	Dec	reases		Ending Balance
Capital assets being depreciated: Buildings Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$ 832,341 45,949	\$	- -	\$	- 4,364	\$	832,341 41,585
Total, at historical cost	878,290		-		4,364		873,926
Less: accumulated depreciation Buildings Furniture, fixtures, and	663,811		11,072		-		674,883
equipment	 45,949	_			4,364		41,585
Total accumulated depreciation	 709,760		11,072		4,364		716,468
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	168,530		(11,072)		-		157,458
Leased assets being amortized: Equipment	25,025		-		-		25,025
Less: accumulated amortization	 3,700	_	4,195				7,895
Total leased assets being amortized, net	21,325		(4,195)		-		17,130
SBITA assets being amortized: SBITA assets	102,480		-		-		102,480
Less: accumulated amortization	 	_	34,160			_	34,160
Total SBITA assets being amortized, net	 102,480		(34,160)				68,320
Capital assets, net	\$ 292,335	\$_	(49,427)	\$		\$_	242,908

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 7. Capital Assets, continued

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was as follows:

	Authority	Fund	2024 Reporting Entity	2023 Reporting Entity
Program and production Management	\$ 49,630 <u>2,301,452</u>	\$ - <u>49,887</u>	\$ 49,630 <u>2,351,339</u>	\$ 46,914 <u>2,122,892</u>
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$ <u>2,351,082</u>	\$ <u>49,887</u>	\$ <u>2,400,969</u>	\$ <u>2,169,806</u>

#### 8. Compensated Leave

KET follows the policy of the Commonwealth which is to record the cost of annual and compensatory leave.

Annual leave is accumulated at amounts ranging from 7.5 to 15.0 hours per month, determined by length of service, with maximum accumulations ranging from 30 to 60 days. The calendar year is the period used for determining accumulated leave. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the estimated liability for accrued annual leave for KET was \$1,228,133 and \$1,178,754, respectively.

Compensatory leave is granted to authorized employees. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the estimated liability for compensatory leave for KET was \$657,873 and \$496,445, respectively.

The Fund leases employees from the Foundation; therefore, any liability for compensated absences is recorded by the Foundation, and not the Fund.

Changes in compensated absences for the year ended June 30, 2024 are summarized as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
	\$ <u>1,675,199</u>	\$ <u>577,557</u>	\$ <u>(366,750</u> )	\$ <u>1,886,006</u>	\$ <u>1,228,133</u>
Char	nges in compensate	ed absences for the	year ended June 3	30, 2023 are summ	arized as follows:
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
	\$ <u>1,341,960</u>	\$ 515,702	\$ (182,463)	\$ 1,675,199	\$ 1,136,730

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 8. Compensated Leave, continued

It is the policy of KET to record the cost of sick leave when paid. Generally, sick leave (earned one day per month with unlimited accumulation) is paid only when an employee is absent due to illness, injury, or related family death. Sick leave accumulated is added to an employee's years of service at the time of retirement. There was no liability recorded for sick leave at June 30, 2024 and 2023. The estimated accumulated amount of unused sick leave for KET was \$4,114,010 and \$3,626,446 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

2024

2023

## 9. Note Payable

Note payable is comprised of the following at June 30, 2024:

				<u> 2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Unsecured loan agree Commonwealth to Bank of Kentucky F interest based on the (8.25% at June 30, consecutive quarted interest of \$40,434	porrow \$1,813,351 or Program. The loan come prime rate at loan 2024), and payable rly payments of prin	from the Green charges a fixed n origination e in 56	\$	197,333	\$ 349,551
Less: current portion				197,333	<u> 152,218</u>
Long term portion			\$	-	\$ <u>197,333</u>
Changes in the note pa	ayable for the year e	ended June 30, 2024	4 are sum	nmarized a	s follows:
Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending	Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
\$ <u>349,551</u>	\$	\$ <u>(152,218</u> )	\$	197,333	\$ <u>197,333</u>
Changes in the note pa	ayable for the year e	ended June 30, 2023	3 are sun	nmarized a	s follows:
Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending	Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
\$496,921	\$	\$ (147,370)	\$	349,551	\$ <u>152,218</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 10. Lease and SBITA Liabilities

The Authority and Foundation, as a lessee, has lease agreements involving building space, vehicles and equipment. Lease liabilities are comprised of the following at June 30:

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$1,307,	•	00.474	Φ.	05.000
maturing October 2025, for equipment.	\$	20,474	\$	35,302
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$778, maturing February 2026, for a vehicle.		14,559		22,435
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$729,		14,000		22,400
maturing October 2025, for a vehicle.		11,171		18,960
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$732,		,		-,
maturing August 2025, for a vehicle.		9,909		17,912
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$723,				
maturing July 2025, for a vehicle.		9,142		17,175
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$510,		0.540		44.740
maturing February 2026, for a vehicle.		9,548		14,713
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$1,791, maturing December 2027, for equipment.		64,878		10,507
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$764,		04,070		10,007
maturing August 2024, for a vehicle.		1,522		10,498
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$336,		•		,
maturing February 2026, for a vehicle.		6,582		9,962
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$617,				
maturing September 2024, for a vehicle.		1,843		9,077
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$456,		4 04 4		4.504
maturing October 2024, for a vehicle.  Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$886,		1,814		4,501
maturing February 2027, for a vehicle.		25,369		_
maturing rebruary 2027, for a verticle.	_	23,303	_	
		176,811		171,042
Less: current portion	_	88,854	_	86,291
Long-term portion	\$	87,957	\$_	84,751

The future payments under lease agreements are as follows for the years ending June 30:

	<u> </u>	<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>
2025 2026 2027 2028	\$	88,854 50,912 26,559 10,486	\$	9,870 4,883 2,023 262	\$	98,724 55,795 28,582 10,748
	\$	176,811	\$_	17,038	\$_	193,849

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 10. Lease and SBITA Liabilities, continued

The Authority and Foundation has SBITA agreements involving purchasing, inventory and accounting software. SBITA liabilities are comprised of the following at June 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Agreement with monthly payments of \$1,190, maturing December 2024. Agreement with monthly payments of	\$ 7,073	\$ 20,879
\$1,067, maturing August 2024.	2,126	14,244
Agreement with monthly payments of \$501, maturing April 2025.	4, <u>905</u>	10,308
Less: current portion	14,104 14,104	45,431 31,327
Long-term portion	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>14,104</u>

The Fund has lease agreements involving a copier and fax machine. Lease liabilities are comprised of the following at June 30:

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Lease agreement with monthly payments of \$365, maturing July 2027, for a copier.  Lease agreement with monthly	\$	12,885	\$	16,813
payments of \$14, maturing July 2027, for a fax machine.	_	494	_	645
Less: current portion	_	13,379 4,204		17,458 4,080
Long-term portion	\$_	9,175	\$_	13,378

The future payments under lease agreements are as follows for the years ending June 30:

	<u>P</u>	<u>rincipal</u>		<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$	4,204	\$	344	\$ 4,548
2026		4,332		216	4,548
2027		4,464		84	4,548
2028		379	_	1	 380
	\$	13,379	\$	645	\$ 14,024

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 10. Lease and SBITA Liabilities, continued

The Fund has a SBITA involving fundraising software. This SBITA liability is comprised of the following at June 30:

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Agreement with monthly payments of \$3,060, maturing June 2025.	\$ 35,791	\$	69,926
Less: current portion	 35,791	_	34,134
Long-term portion	\$ 	\$_	35,792

The following is a summary of changes in lease and SBITA liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024:

		Beginning Balance	ı	ncreases	г	ecreases)		Ending Balance	,	Amounts Due Within One Year
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Leases SBITAs	<b>\$</b> _	188,500 115,357	\$_	103,741	\$	(102,051) (65,462)	\$_	190,190 49,895	\$_	93,058 49,895
Total	\$_	303,857	\$ <u>_</u>	103,741	\$ <u>_</u>	<u>(167,513</u> )	<b>\$</b> _	240,085	\$ <u>_</u>	142,953

The following is a summary of changes in lease and SBITA liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023:

		Beginning Balance	i	ncreases		)ecreases		Ending Balance	A	Amounts Due Within One Year
Leases SBITAs	\$	249,219 175,441	\$	126,066	\$	(186,785) (60,084)	\$	188,500 115,357	\$	90,371 65,461
Total	\$ <u>_</u>	424,660	\$_	126,066	\$_	(246,869)	\$_	303,857	\$_	155,832

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## 11. Pension Plan

All Authority and Foundation employees who work more than one hundred hours per month participate in the KERS defined benefit plan administered by the KPPA, which is a cost-sharing multi-employer public employee retirement plan.

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3			
Participation:	Prior to 9/1/2008	9/1/2008 through 12/31/2013	1/1/2014 and after			
Covered Employees:		full-time members employed in non-hazardous and hazardous duty department, board, or any agency directed by Executive Order to participate in KERS.				
Benefit Formula:	Final Compensation X Bene	fit Factor X Years of Service	Cash Balance Plan			
Final Compensation:	Average of the highest 5 fiscal years (must contain at least 48 months). Includes lump-sum compensation payments (before and at retirement).	5 complete fiscal years immediately preceding retirement; each year must contain 12 months. Lumpsum compensation payments (before and at retirement) are not to be included in creditable compensation.	No Final Compensation			
Benefit Factor:	<ul> <li>7% - If participant does not have 13 months credit for 1/1/1998 - 1/1/1999.</li> <li>2.00% - If participant has 13 months credit for 1/1/1998 - 1/1/1999</li> </ul>	10 years or less = 1.10%. Greater than 10 years, but no more than 20 years = 1.30%. Greater than 20 years, but no more than 26 years = 1.50%. Greater than 26 years, but no more than 30 years = 1.75%. Additional years above 30 = 2.00% (2.00% benefit factor only applies to service earned in excess of 30 years).	No benefit factor. A life annuity can be calculated in accordance with actuarial assumptions and a method adopted by the board based on member's accumulated account balance.			
Cost of Living Adjustment: (COLA):		nthorized by the Legislature with pacts all retirees regardless of T				
Unreduced Retirement Benefit:	Any age with 27 years of service. Age 65 with 48 months of service. Money Purchase for age 65 with less than 48 months based on contributions and interest.	earned service must equal 8 under this provision. Age 65 v	e at least age 57 and age plus 67 years at retirement to retire with 5 years of earned service. nase calculations.			
Reduced Retirement Benefit:	Any age with 25 years of service. Age 55 with 5 years of service	Age 60 with 10 years of service. Excludes purchased service (exception: refunds, omitted, free military).	No reduced retirement benefit.			

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#### 11. Pension Plan, continued

The KERS defined benefit plan includes two funds, the pension fund which provides retirement benefits and the insurance fund which provides health insurance benefits (see Note 12 for discussion of OPEB liability related to the insurance fund). KERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for both the pension and insurance funds. That report may be obtained by writing to KPPA, Perimeter Park West, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40501-6124 or by calling (502) 696-8800.

KET is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Per KRS 61.565(3), contribution requirements of the active employees and the participating organizations are established prior to each biennium and may be amended by the KERS Board of Trustees if determined necessary. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, KET employees were required to contribute 5% of their annual covered salary for retirement benefits. Employees with a participation date after September 1, 2008 were required to contribute an additional 1% of their salary for retiree healthcare benefits. KET's normal cost contributions were 9.97%, 9.97% and 10.10% of covered payroll (Authority and Foundation employees) for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Authority also paid \$4,236,482 and \$7,825,499 and the Foundation also paid \$793,012 during both the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, for their actuarially accrued liability contribution (AALC).

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, KET reported a liability of \$67,340,444 and \$74,928,909, respectively, for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability is measured as of June 30 of the preceding year, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability is determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. KET's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the plan's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, KET's proportion of the net pension liability was 0.55% and 0.57%, respectively.

For financial reporting, the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, was performed by Gabriel Roeder Smith (GRS). The total pension liability, net pension liability, and sensitivity information as of June 30, 2023, were based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date (June 30, 2022) to the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, using generally accepted actuarial principles.

The actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 was performed by GRS. The total pension liability, net pension liability, and sensitivity information as of June 30, 2022, were based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2021. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date (June 30, 2021) to the plan's fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, using generally accepted actuarial principles.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 11. Pension Plan, continued

The Board of Trustees of KERS adopted new actuarial assumptions for June 30, 2022. Changes in the assumptions were price inflation and investment return increases and annual rates of withdrawal and mortality updates based on the 2022 Experience Study. The Board of Trustees of KERS previously adopted actuarial assumptions for June 30, 2021. Changes in the assumptions were annual salary increases and annual rates of retirement, disability, withdrawal and mortality were updated based on the 2018 Experience Study and the percent of disabilities assumed to occur in the line of duty was updated from 0% to 2% for KERS non-hazardous members.

The following actuarial assumptions were used in performing the actuarial valuations:

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023			
Actuarial Valuation Date	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021			
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry	Age			
Amortization Method	Level perc	ent of pay			
Remaining amortization period	25 years, Closed	26 years, Closed			
Asset valuation method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial valuation of assets recognized				
Investment rate of return	5.50%	5.25%			
Inflation rate	2.50%	2.30%			
Projected salary increases	3.30% to 15.30%, varies by years of service				
Mortality tables: Active members	Pub-2010 General Mortality Table, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP- 2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010.				
Healthy retired members	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2018-2022, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2020 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2023.	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019			
Disabled members	Pub-2010 Disabled Mortality Table, with rates multiplied by 150% for both male and female rates, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2020 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010.				
Date of experience study	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2022	July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2018			

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 11. Pension Plan, continued

For the year ended June 30, 2024, KET recognized pension expense of \$1,226,913 and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflow of Resources		
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on investments  Difference between expected and actual experience Change of assumptions	\$	68,490 831,755 -	\$	- - 1,850,369	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions  Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of		598,177		1,767,326	
June 30, 2023		<u>5,212,466</u>	_	-	
Total	\$	6,710,888	\$_	3,617,695	

For the year ended June 30, 2023, KET recognized pension expense of \$4,055,032 and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		ferred Inflows f Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on investments	\$	290,389	\$ -
Difference between expected and actual experience Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of		-	87,778
contributions Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of		1,698,333	400,836
June 30, 2022		5,195,997	 
Total	\$	7,184,719	\$ 488,614

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 11. Pension Plan, continued

The deferred outflows of resources related to KET's contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date are recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. The deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments are amortized and recognized in pension expense over five years. All other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan which was determined to be 1.96 years as of June 30, 2024 and 2.02 as of June 30, 2023, for the KERS non-hazardous employees.

The net increase (decrease) in pension expense related to the amortization of the deferred amounts as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Year ending June 30:		
2025	\$	(2,241,372)
2026		(125,050)
2027		301,279
2028	_	(54,130)
Total	\$_	(2,119,273)

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years. The most recent analysis performed was for the period covering fiscal years 2018 through 2022, and is outlined in a report dated March 21, 2024. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return. Assumptions, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log - normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation), were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were 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 and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 11. Pension Plan, continued

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

	Target	Long Term Nominal
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
Core Bonds	20.50%	2.45%
United States Equity	32.50%	5.90%
Specialty Credit/High Yield	15.00%	3.65%
Real Return	10.00%	5.15%
Private Equity	7.00%	11.73%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.99%
Cash Equivalent	5.00%	1.39%
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Total	100%	=

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that local employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarial determined contribution rate is adjusted to reflect the phase in of anticipated gains on actuarial value of assets over the first four years of the projection period.

June 30, 2023 is the actuarial valuation date upon which the total pension liability is based for the year ended June 30, 2024. No update procedures were used to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate is defined as the single rate of return that, when applied to all projected payments, results in an actuarial value of projected benefit payments for all current plan members being projected through 2117.

The following presents the net pension liability of KET as of June 30, 2024, as well as what KET's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (4.25%)	Current Discount Rate (5.25%)	1% Increase (6.25%)		
KET's proportionate share	\$ 77,400,832	\$ 67,340,444	\$ 59,003,425		

Detailed information about KERS's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued KERS financial statements (which is a matter of public record). The Commonwealth's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) should be referred to for additional disclosures related to KERS.

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## 12. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, KET reported a liability of \$4,884,238 and \$12,838,115, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30 of the preceding year, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability is determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. KET's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the plan's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, KET's proportion of the net OPEB liability was 0.62% and 0.58%, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, KET recognized an OPEB benefit of \$597,466 and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on investments	\$ 88	8 \$ -
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	6,642,185
Change of assumptions	477,91	4 539,179
Changes in proportion and differences between employer		
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,555,46	5 657,080
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of		
June 30, 2023	1,600,45	<u> </u>
Total	\$ <u>3,634,72</u>	<u>1</u> \$ <u>7,838,444</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2023, KET recognized OPEB expense of \$900,828 and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on		
investments	261,933	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	312,798	1,028,282
Change of assumptions	721,628	851,729
Change in proportion and differences between employer		
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,077,199	458,791
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of		
June 30, 2022	<u>1,684,839</u>	
Total	\$ 4,058,397	\$ 2,338,802

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 12. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), continued

The deferred outflows of resources related to KET's contributions to the OPEB plan subsequent to the measurement date are recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the subsequent year. The deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to the net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments are amortized and recognized in OPEB expense over five years. All other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided OPEB through the OPEB plan which was determined to be 3.40 years as of June 30, 2024 and 3.44 as of June 30, 2023, for the KERS non-hazardous employees.

The net decrease in OPEB expense for future years related to the amortization of the deferred amounts as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Year ending June 30:		
2025	\$	(2,560,327)
2026		(2,443,213)
2027		(743,325)
2028	_	(57,312)
Total	\$	(5 804 177)

For financial reporting, the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 was performed by GRS. The total OPEB liability, net OPEB liability, and sensitivity information as of June 30, 2023, were based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date (June 30, 2022) to the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, using generally accepted actuarial principles. The actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 was performed by GRS. The total OPEB liability, net OPEB liability, and sensitivity information as of June 30, 2022, were based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2021. The total OPEB liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date (June 30, 2021) to the plan's fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, using generally accepted actuarial principles.

The following actuarial assumptions were used in performing the actuarial valuation:

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Inflation rate	2.50%	2.30%
Payroll growth rate	0	.0%
Salary increase	3.30% to 15.30%	6, varies by service
Investment rate of return	6.50%	6.25%

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 12. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), continued

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023			
Healthcare trend rates: Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.80% at January 1, 2025, and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years.	Initial trend starting at 6.40% at January 1, 2022, and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 14 years.			
Post-65	Initial trend starting at 8.50% at January 1, 2025, then decreasing to an ultimate trend of 4.05% over a period of 13 years.	Initial trend starting at 6.30% at January 1, 2023, then decreasing to an ultimate rend of 4.05% over a period of 13 years.			
Mortality tables: Pre-retirement	Pub-2010 General Mortality Table, projection 2020 mortality improvement so				
Post-retirement (non-disabled)	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2018-2022, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2020 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2023.	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019			
Post-retirement (disabled)	Pub-2010 Disabled Mortality Table, with rates multiplied by 150% for both male and female rates, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2020 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010.				

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate of 5.94% and 5.72% as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, applied to KERS non-hazardous, assumed that local employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining years (closed) amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The discount rate determination used an expected rate of return of 6.50% and 6.25%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.86% and 3.69% as reported in Fidelity Index's "20 –Year Municipal GO AA Index" as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. However, the cost associated with the implicit employer subsidy was not included in the calculation of the actuarial determined contributions, and any cost associated with the implicit subsidy will not be paid out of KERS trusts. Therefore, the municipal bond rates were applied to future expected benefit payments associated with the implicit subsidy. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in Note 11.

The following presents the net OPEB liability of KET as of June 30, 2024, as well as what KET's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	 1% Decrease (4.94%)	_	current Discount Rate (5.94%)	 1% Increase (6.94%)
KET's proportionate share	\$ 6,568,887	\$	4,884,238	\$ 3,467,587

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 12. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), continued

The following presents the net OPEB liability of KET as of June 30, 2024, as well as what KET's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

			С	urrent Trend			
	19	1% Decrease		Rate		1% Increase	
KET's proportionate share	\$	3,580,482	\$	4,884,238	\$	6,462,477	

#### 13. Restricted Net Position

Restricted non-expendable net position at both June 30, 2024 and 2023 for the Foundation represents a \$250,000 challenge grant received from the National Endowment for the Arts requiring that the principal be maintained intact by the Foundation. The Foundation may borrow from the principal, provided that such borrowing is used to support the production and presentation of regional performing arts and is repaid within two years. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, no amounts have been borrowed. Investment earnings on the principal are unrestricted.

Restricted non-expendable net position at both June 30, 2024 and 2023 for the Fund consists of the corpus of the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Arts Endowment in the amount of \$2,023,583 held by the Fund for the benefit of the Authority. The restricted - non-expendable funds held by the Fund represent donations requiring that the principal be maintained intact by the Fund. The interest and investment earnings are to be used for specific purposes specified by the donors and are classified as expendable for specific operating activities and released to unrestricted net position when used for these specific purposes.

Restricted expendable net position at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, includes \$- and \$1,002,545 in grants and contributions received restricted for education projects by the Authority, \$2,481,068 and \$951,510 in contributions and income designated for specific operating programs held by the Fund, and \$2,984,334 and \$2,639,659 in funds restricted for capital projects within the Authority.

#### 14. Endowments

The Fund's endowment consists of five individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowments include one donor-restricted fund and four funds assigned by the Board of Directors to function as endowments (quasi endowments).

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#### 14. Endowments, continued

#### Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Board of Directors of the Fund has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) 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 Fund classifies as restricted - non-expendable net position (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.

The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in restricted non-expendable net position is classified as expendable for specific operating activities net position until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Fund in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the Fund considers the following factors in making a recommendation to the Authority to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- 1) The duration and preservation of the Fund
- 2) The purposes of the Fund and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- 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 Fund
- 7) The investment policies of the Fund

#### Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Fund has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of restricted funds that the Fund must hold in perpetuity, or for specific purposes or periods. The investment policy establishes an achievable return objective through diversification of asset classes. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

## Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate of return objectives, the Fund relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Fund targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on U.S. Government securities and equity based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

## 14. Endowments, continued

## Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The spending policy calculates the amount of money annually distributed from the Fund's various endowed funds. The current spending policy is to distribute an amount no more than 5% of the preceding three-year average of the fair value of the endowment fund assets. This is consistent with the Fund's objective to maintain the purchasing power of endowment assets, as well as to provide additional real growth through investment return.

Changes in the Fund's endowment and quasi endowments net position for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

		Inrestricted	Restricted						
				<u>Expendable</u>	No	n-Expendable		<u>Total</u>	
Net position, beginning of	•	7 000 000	•	054 540	•	0.000.500	•	40.004.000	
year, as restated Contributions	\$	7,328,999 40,472	\$	951,510 -	\$	2,023,583	\$	10,304,092 40,472	
Interest and dividends		133,738		69,192		<u>-</u>		202,930	
Realized gain		200,027		149,852		-		349,879	
Unrealized gain		1,009,508		233,516		-		1,243,024	
Fees		(14,839)		(25,002)		-		(39,841)	
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	_	<u>(332,000</u> )	_	<u>(148,000</u> )		-	_	(480,000)	
Net position, end of year	\$_	8,365,905	\$_	1,231,068	\$	2,023,583	\$_	11,620,556	

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 14. Endowments, continued

Changes in the Fund's endowment and quasi endowments net position for the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

		Inrestricted	Restricted			<u> </u>	
				<u>Expendable</u>	Non- <u>Expendable</u>		<u>Total</u>
Net position, beginning of							
year, as restated	\$	6,775,563	\$	776,234	\$ 2,023,583	\$	9,575,380
Contributions		18,686		-	-		18,686
Changes in pledges receivable		(10,500)		-	-		(10,500)
Interest and dividends		118,165		57,268	-		175,433
Realized gain (loss)		22,961		(19,866)	-		3,095
Unrealized gain		747,069		310,272	-		1,057,341
Fees		(11,945)		(23,398)	-		(35,343)
Amounts appropriated for							
expenditure	-	(331,000)	_	(149,000)		-	(480,000)
Net position, end of year, as restated	\$ <u>_</u>	7,328,999	\$_	951,510	\$ <u>2,023,583</u>	\$_	10,304,092

#### 15. Transactions with Affiliates

The Authority received from or is owed by the Fund the following amounts for the years ended June 30:

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Contributions Fund function employee fees Administrative services employee fees Administrative expenses	\$	10,191,000 1,315,477 26,400 76,194	\$ 4,927,000 1,303,335 26,400 63,228
	\$ <u></u>	11,609,071	\$ 6,319,963

#### 16. Major Sources of Support

The Authority receives a substantial portion of its annual support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, this support totaled \$4,120,789 and \$3,879,470, respectively, which is included in private gifts and grants on the accompanying Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and represented approximately 11% and 12%, respectively, of the Authority's total revenues for the year then ended. Future funding from CPB is contingent upon CPB's continued receipt of federal appropriations.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 16. Major Sources of Support, continued

Additionally, the Authority receives appropriations from the Commonwealth. During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, this support totaled \$17,472,232 and \$18,599,325, respectively, which represented approximately 47% and 58% of the Authority's total revenues for the years then ended.

## 17. Risk Management

KET is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; errors and omissions; injury to employees; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and natural disasters. The Foundation and Fund purchase commercial insurance to cover exposure to these potential losses, including a commercial package policy, directors and officers insurance, and employee dishonesty insurance. The Authority does not purchase commercial insurance for these risks, but instead manages these risks as follows:

#### Torts and Errors and Omissions

KET manages risks of loss related to torts and errors and omissions internally. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, management has determined that no liability for such losses should be recorded. The cost of errors and omissions and directors and officer's insurance is paid for by the Foundation.

#### Injuries to Employees

KET is a member of the Statewide Workers' Compensation Insurance Program (the Program), a self-insurance program for the benefit of the Commonwealth's employees. Losses payable by the Program include claims and loss of wages as a result of an employment related injury. Premiums are established based upon estimated claims and administrative costs for the coming fiscal year. KET is also a member of the Statewide Worker's Compensation Special Fund, a risk sharing pool which covers pre-existing conditions to protect employers from having to pay for injuries not sustained in their employ, or more than once for disabilities resulting from the same accident. The premiums paid for both programs during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$26,553 and \$21,026, respectively. The Commonwealth's ACFR for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 should be referred to for additional disclosures related to both programs.

#### Theft of, Damage to, and Destruction of Assets and Natural Disasters

KET utilizes the Commonwealth's Risk Management Fund to cover the exposure to loss arising from the theft of, damage to, or destruction of KET's buildings and personal property. The Commonwealth's ACFR should be referred to for additional disclosures related to the Risk Management Fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

#### 17. Risk Management, continued

Multi Media Insurance Coverage (Broadcasters Errors and Omissions)

KET carries \$5,000,000 in multi-media insurance coverage through a commercial carrier, premiums for which are paid for by the Authority. This coverage is for "mass distributed or accessible data for information in any form including magazines, books, brochures, catalogs, or other types of publications, electronically transmitted information or data bases, audio or video cassette; programming aired over KET transmitter and translator stations."

#### 18. Income Tax Status

The Foundation and the Fund are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Foundation and the Fund qualify for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and have been classified as organizations other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1). The Foundation and the Fund are subject to income tax on any unrelated business income. Both had no unrelated business income in fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 19. Blended Component Unit

The Authority's financial statements include accounts of its blended component unit, the Foundation. Below is condensed financial information related to the Foundation as of and for the year ended June 30:

	2024		2023
Assets			
Current assets:  Cash and cash equivalents  Receivables:	\$ 9,761,347	\$	6,912,745
Grants receivable Accrued interest Accounts receivable Costs incurred for programs not yet broadcast Public and instructional television program rights, current Receivable from the Fund Prepaid expenses  Total current assets	 191,534 26,660 16,206 195,903 130,629 99,468 140,730	_	397,260 11,093 195,666 118,602 139,210 88,160 142,977
Non-current assets  Non-current assets:  Restricted cash and cash equivalents  Public and instructional television program rights, net of current portion	10,562,477 250,000 67,638		8,005,713 1,049,460 54,383
Capital assets, net	 3,615,637		417,140
Total non-current assets	 3,933,275	_	1,520,983
Total assets	\$ 14,495,752	\$	9,526,696
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred amount related to pension plan Deferred amount related to OPEB	\$  1,635,756 1,816,069	\$	963,797 1,036,115
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,451,825	\$	1,999,912

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 19. Blended Component Unit, continued

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 561,53	<b>31</b> \$	150,467
Accrued wages	231,25	<b>i</b> 3	162,238
Current portion of compensated leave	262,61	7	247,428
Unearned revenue	946,21	5	2,038,383
Current portion of lease liabilities	56,95	<b>i</b> 6	60,956
Current portion of SBITA liabilities	14,10	<u> </u>	31,327
Total current liabilities	2,072,67	'6	2,690,799
Non-current liabilities:			
Lease liabilities, net of current portion	34,50	13	64,277
SBITA liabilities, net of current portion	<b>-</b>	_	14,104
Compensated leave, net of current portion	137,18		87,993
Net pension liability	11,563,58		11,229,081
Net OPEB liability	1,482,82	<u>'3                                    </u>	2,571,379
Total non-current liabilities	13,218,10	<u> </u>	13,966,834
Total liabilities	\$ <u>15,290,77</u>	<u>′8</u> \$	16,657,633
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Deferred amount related to pension plan	\$ 317,74	12 \$	413,991
Deferred amount related to OPEB	2,329,43	•	807,329
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ <u>2,647,18</u>	<u>81</u> \$	1,221,320
Net Position	\$9,61	1 <u>8</u> \$	(6,352,345)

Notes to the Financial Statements, continued

# 19. Blended Component Unit, continued

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Operating revenues Non-operating revenues	<b>\$</b> _	6,691,873 10,480,477	\$ 	5,657,940 4,992,433
Total revenues		17,172,350		10,650,373
Programming and production Broadcasting Program information Management Pension expense (benefit) OPEB benefit	_	8,147,082 27,009 592,945 1,697,694 449,291 (103,634)	_	8,134,527 59,263 611,871 1,567,477 (2,511,539) (43,164)
Total expenses	_	10,810,387		7,818,435
Change in net position		6,361,963		2,831,938
Net position, beginning of year	_	(6,352,345)		(9,184,283)
Net position, end of year	\$ <u></u>	9,618	\$	(6,352,345)
Cash flows from activities: Operating Non-capital financing Capital and related financing Investing	\$	(5,128,701) 10,179,692 (3,275,757) 273,908	_	(5,842,863) 4,926,425 (116,334) 54,340
	\$ <u>_</u>	2,049,142	\$ <u></u>	(978,432)



Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

## For the Years Ended June 30

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Proportionate percentage of the net pension liability Proportionate share of the net pension liability Covered employee payroll * Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage	0.55% \$67,340,444 \$10,622,379	0.57% \$74,928,909 \$ 8,502,389	0.54% \$71,845,866 \$ 7,599,588	0.55% \$77,832,076 \$ 8,796,218	0.50% \$71,017,375 \$ 7,447,292
of its covered employee payroll	633.95%	881.27%	945.39%	884.84%	953.60%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	22.32%	18.51%	18.48%	17.92%	15.74%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Proportionate percentage of the net pension liability Proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.50% \$67,911,406	0.48% \$63,700,233	0.46% \$52,915,518	0.46% \$45,788,271	0.45% \$40,752,155
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Covered employee payroll *	\$ 7,808,902	\$ 7,531,888	\$ 7,789,315	\$ 7,660,090	\$ 7,820,667
Covered employee payroll * Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension	\$ 7,808,902 869.67%	. , ,		. , ,	. , ,

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the net pension liability, which is as of the prior fiscal year end.

## Schedule of Pension Contributions

## For the Years Ended June 30

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 5,212,466 (5,212,466)	\$ 5,195,997 (5,195,997)	\$ 4,970,996 (4,970,996)	\$ 5,087,648 (5,087,648)	\$ 5,701,002 (5,701,002)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Covered employee payroll	\$11,350,317	\$10,622,379	\$ 8,502,389	\$ 7,599,588	\$ 8,796,218	
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	45.9%	48.9%	58.5%	66.9%	64.8%	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 4,747,375 (4,747,375)	\$ 3,206,335 (3,206,335)	\$ 3,030,832 (3,030,832)	\$ 2,402,226 (2,402,226)	\$ 2,359,309 (2,359,309)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Covered employee payroll	\$ 7,447,292	\$ 7,808,902	\$ 7,531,888	\$ 7,789,315	\$ 7,660,090	
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	63.7%	41.1%	40.2%	30.8%	30.8%	

Notes to Required Supplementary Information Related to Pensions

The following summarizes key changes in assumptions and benefit terms from year to year:

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2023 to 2024: The assumed rate of inflation increased from 2.30% to 2.50% and assumed investment rate of return increased from 5.25% to 5.50%. Additionally, the mortality tables changed from the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (adjusted for males and females) to the MP-200 improvement scales to explicitly project future improvement in life expectancy.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2022 to 2023: There were no material changes.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2021 to 2022: There were no material changes.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2020 to 2021: The salary increase assumption changed from 3.55% - 15.55%, varies by service to 3.30% - 15.30%, varies by service.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2019 to 2020: The salary increase assumption changed from 3.05%, average to 3.55% - 15.55%, varies by service.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2018 to 2019: There were no material changes.

Changes in Assumptions from 2017 to 2018: The discount rate and assumed investment rate of return both decreased from 6.75% to 5.25%, the assumed rate of inflation decreased from 3.25% to 2.30% which also resulted in a 0.95% decrease in the salary increase assumption for all years of service. The payroll growth rate assumption decreased from 4.00% to 0.00%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2016 to 2017: The discount rate and assumed investment rate of return both decreased from 7.50% to 6.75%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2015 to 2016: The assumed rate of inflation decreased from 3.50% to 3.25%, the estimated salary increases decreased from 4.50% to 4.00%, and discount rate and assumed investment rate of return both decreased from 7.75% to 7.50%. Additionally, the mortality tables changed from the 1983 and 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Tables to the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (adjusted for males and females).

Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability

## For the Years Ended June 30

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability Covered employee payroll * Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.62% \$ 4,884,238 \$10,622,379	0.58% \$12,838,115 \$ 8,502,389	0.57% \$12,340,573 \$ 7,599,588	0.55% \$13,950,818 \$ 8,796,218	0.50% \$11,177,811 \$ 7,447,292
	45.98%	150.99%	162.38%	158.60%	150.09%
	66.14%	38.15%	38.38%	29.47%	30.92%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>			
Proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.50%	0.48%			
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$11,825,422	\$12,065,829			
Covered employee payroll * Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	\$ 7,808,902	\$ 7,531,888			
	151.44%	160.20%			
	27.32%	24.40%			

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the net OPEB liability, which is as of the prior fiscal year end.

Schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

## Schedule of OPEB Contributions

## For the Years Ended June 30

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$	1,433,094	\$	1,428,568	\$	820,316	\$	1,016,375	\$	1,152,607
	_	(1,433,094)	_	(1,428,568)	_	(820,316)	_	(1,016,375)	_	(1,152,607)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$_		\$_		\$_		\$_		\$_	
Covered employee payroll	\$	11,350,317	\$	10,622,379	\$	8,502,389	\$	7,599,588	\$	8,796,218
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll		12.63%		13.45%		9.65%		13.37%		13.10%
		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>						
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$	862,912	\$	750,685						
	_	(862,912)	_	(750,685)						
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$_		\$_							
Covered employee payroll	\$	7,447,292	\$	7,808,902						
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll		11.59%		9.61%						

Schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information Related to OPEB

The following summarizes key changes in assumptions and benefit terms from year to year:

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2023 to 2024: The assumed investment rate of return increased from 6.25% to 6.50% and the assumed rate of inflation increased from 2.30% to 2.50%. The healthcare trend rates for Under Age 65 and Ages 65 and Older increased from 6.40% to 6.80% and 6.30% to 8.50%, respectively. The plan discount rate increased from 5.72% to 5.94%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2022 to 2023: The healthcare trend rates for Under Age 65 and Ages 65 and Older increased from 6.25% to 6.40% and 5.40% to 6.30%, respectively. The plan discount rate increased from 5.26% to 5.72%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2021 to 2022: The healthcare trend rates for Under Age 65 decreased from 7.25% to 6.25% and Ages 65 and Older increased from 5.10% to 5.40%. The plan discount rate decreased from 5.43% to 5.26%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2020 to 2021: The healthcare trend rates for Under Age 65 and Ages 65 and Older increased from 7.00% to 7.25% and 5.00% to 5.10%, respectively. The salary increase assumption changed from 3.55% - 15.55%, varies by service to 3.30% - 15.30%, varies by service. The plan discount rate decreased from 5.73% to 5.43%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2019 to 2020: The salary increase assumption changed from 3.05%, average to 3.55% - 15.55%, varies by service. The plan discount rate decreased from 5.86% to 5.73%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2018 to 2019: The plan discount rate increased from 5.83% to 5.86%.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefit Terms from 2017 to 2018: The assumed investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 6.25%, the assumed rate of inflation decreased from 3.25% to 2.30% which also resulted in a 0.95% decrease in the salary increase assumption.



# 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

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors Kentucky Authority for Educational Television Lexington, Kentucky

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 Kentucky Authority for Educational Television, a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and its discretely presented component unit, the Commonwealth Fund for KET, Inc., (collectively, KET), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which comprise KET's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 1, 2024.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered KET's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) 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 KET's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of KET'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.

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Kentucky Authority for Educational Television
Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters, continued

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether KET'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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Lexington, Kentucky October 1, 2024

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## Schedule of Findings and Responses

Year ended June 30, 2024

## **Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

- a. The type of report issued on the financial statements: **Unmodified opinion**
- b. Material weaknesses identified in the internal control over financial reporting: No
- c. Significant deficiencies identified in the internal control over financial reporting: None reported
- d. Non-compliance which is material to the financial statements: No

## **Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses**

None