

**NEW JERSEY PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORITY**

Examination Report and Financial Schedules

June 30, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of  
New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority

We have examined New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority's (the "Authority") compliance with the requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's ("CPB") Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing the amounts reported as Non-Federal Financial Support ("NFFS") during the year ended June 30, 2024. The Authority's management is responsible for (a) identifying applicable compliance requirements, (b) establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing the amounts reported as NFFS, (c) evaluating and monitoring the Authority's compliance with CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing the amounts reported as NFFS and providing us with a written assertion thereon, (d) specifying reports that satisfy legal, regulatory or contractual requirements, and (e) making all records and related information available to us. Our responsibility is to express an opinion concerning the Authority's compliance with CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing the amounts reported as NFFS, based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about the Authority's compliance with the CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing amounts reported as NFFS, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Authority's compliance with the CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing amounts reported as NFFS. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Authority's compliance with the CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing amounts reported as NFFS, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Management prepared the attached combining financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents. These combining financial statements and schedules were prepared for the specific purpose of presenting the financial results of the Authority, as well as Public Media NJ, Inc. ("PMNJ"), an organization considered "financially interrelated," as that term is used in the CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines. PMNJ, a New Jersey nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation, entered into a programming and services agreement with the Authority dated July 1, 2011. The combining financial statements include information extracted from the separately audited financial statements of the Authority and PMNJ. The amounts presented on the Combining Balance Sheet, Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and Combining Schedule of Expenses/Capital Outlay for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Annual Financial Report as listed in the table of contents were not subject to our examination procedures.

In our opinion, the Authority is in compliance with the CPB's Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Reporting Guidelines governing amounts reported as NFFS during the year ended June 30, 2024, in all material respects. The Combining Schedule of Revenues for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Annual Financial Report, as listed in the table of contents, presents amounts that were subject to our examination procedures.

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Authority's Board of Commissioners, Authority Management, PMNJ and CPB and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Mercadieu, P.C.*  
*Certified Public Accountants*

Hamilton, New Jersey

February 4, 2025

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## COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2024

	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Public Media NJ, Inc.	Elimination	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 3,793,846	\$ -	\$ 3,793,846
Accounts receivable, net	63,025	520,224	(511,725) (a)	71,524
Due from State of New Jersey	1,782,018	-	339,965 (a)	2,121,983
Grants and gifts receivable, net	-	623,133	-	623,133
Costs incurred for programs not yet telecast	-	52,400	-	52,400
Prepaid expense and other assets	16,851	60,187	-	77,038
Investments	-	3,223,861	-	3,223,861
Capital assets, net	7,295,583	2,419,456	-	9,715,039
Lease right-of-use assets - operating	-	2,652,568	-	2,652,568
Total Assets	\$ 9,157,477	\$ 13,345,675	\$ (171,760)	\$ 22,331,392
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 568,309	\$ 312,880	\$ (171,760) (a)	\$ 709,429
Unearned revenue	16,851	-	-	16,851
Due to controlling entity	-	59,785	-	59,785
Lease liability - operating	-	2,838,858	-	2,838,858
Total Liabilities	585,160	3,211,523	(171,760)	3,624,923
<b>Net Position</b>				
Investment in capital assets	7,295,583	-	-	7,295,583
Unrestricted	1,276,734	7,629,409	-	8,906,143
Temporarily restricted	-	2,504,743	-	2,504,743
Permanently restricted	-	-	-	-
Total Net Position	8,572,317	10,134,152	-	18,706,469
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 9,157,477	\$ 13,345,675	\$ (171,760)	\$ 22,331,392

(a) Represents receivable/payable between the Authority and PMNJ. \$339,965 eliminated from the Authority's Due from State of New Jersey represents a payment from the Authority that was sent prior to June 30, 2024 but received by PMNJ after June 30, 2024.

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# NEW JERSEY PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORITY

## COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2024

	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Public Media NJ, Inc.	Elimination	Total
Support and Revenues				
New Jersey State support (direct)	\$ 3,350,106	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ 2,350,106
New Jersey State support (in-kind)	904,518	-	-	904,518
New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Trust Fund support	1,334,169	-	-	1,334,169
Contributions and grants	1,691,634	5,201,664	-	6,893,298
Rental income	3,676,754	-	-	3,676,754
Programming and service fees	200,000	5,591,850	(5,591,850)	200,000
Royalties	7,627	-	-	7,627
Other income	208,936	1,149,154	-	1,358,090
Total Support and Revenues	11,373,744	11,942,668	(6,591,850)	16,724,562
Expenses				
Programming and production	6,583,263	9,213,816	(6,591,850)	9,205,229
Education	-	-	-	-
Broadcasting and engineering	2,791,204	470,050	-	3,261,254
Fundraising and membership development	-	1,317,384	-	1,317,384
General and administrative	746,811	952,099	-	1,698,910
Total Expenses	10,121,278	11,953,349	(6,591,850)	15,482,777
Changes in Net Position	1,252,466	(10,681)	-	1,241,785
Net Position-Beginning of Year	7,319,851	10,144,833	-	17,464,684
Net Position-End of Year	\$ 8,572,317	\$ 10,134,152	\$ -	\$ 18,706,469

(a) Public Media NJ, Inc. recorded \$6,591,850 in revenues from the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority. Revenue and programming and production expenses were reduced by the same amount.

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## COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES FOR THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ended June 30, 2024

Sch. #	Line #	Description	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Public Media NJ, Inc.	Elimination	Total
A	1(f)	Federal Funds - Other	\$ 86,028	\$ 77,982	\$ (77,982)	\$ 86,028
A	2(a)	Community Service Grant	1,658,466	1,658,466	(1,658,466)	1,658,466
A	2(b)	All other funds from CPB	33,168	33,168	(33,168)	33,168
A	2(c)	PBS non-royalties	-	10,000	-	10,000
A	2(e)	Public Broadcasting Stations	66,977	156,771	(63,095)	160,653
A	4	State Government	5,362,546	1,057,858	(1,000,000)	5,420,404
A	5	State Colleges and Universities	-	23,000	-	23,000
A	7	Private Colleges and Universities	62,604	64,317	(59,317)	67,604
A	8	Foundations	-	1,018,963	-	1,018,963
A	9	Business	3,768,099	5,261,431	(3,699,822)	5,329,708
A	10	Membership	-	1,606,233	-	1,606,233
A	15(a)	Interest and Dividends	-	38,030	-	38,030
A	15(b)	Passive Income: Royalties	-	301	-	301
A	16(a)	Gains from sales of property and equipment	-	23,999	-	23,999
A	16(b)	Realized gains/(losses) on investments (other than endowment funds)	-	116,964	-	116,964
A	16(c)	Unrealized gains/(losses) on investments and actuarial gains/(losses) on charitable trust and gift annuities (other than endowment funds)	-	-	-	-
A	19	Major Individual Gifts	-	45,484	-	45,484
A	20	Other Direct Revenue	-	525,463	-	525,463
A	21	Spectrum Auction	7,627	22,563	-	30,190
B	1	Indirect Administrative Support	101,982	-	-	101,982
C	5D	In-Kind Contributions	226,247	-	-	226,247
			\$ 11,373,744	\$ 11,942,668	\$ (6,591,850)	\$ 16,724,562
Total reported as NFFS (total Schedule A, Direct Revenue and Schedule B, Indirect Administrative Support less NFFS ineligible revenues)						\$ 7,984,757

(a) Service fee revenue received from NJ Public Broadcasting Authority.

(b) State appropriation allocated to PMNJ.

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## **COMBINING SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES/CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Sch. #		Line #	Description	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority		Public Media NJ, Inc.	Elimination	Total
Expenses								
E		1	Program Services					
	E	1	Programming and Production	\$	6,583,263	\$	9,213,816	(a) \$ 9,205,229
	E	2	Broadcasting and Engineering		2,791,204		470,050	3,261,254
							-	
			Support Services					
	E	4	Management and General		746,811		952,099	1,698,910
	E	5	Fundraising and Membership Development		-		1,317,384	1,317,384
			Total Expenses	\$	10,121,278	\$	11,953,349	\$ 15,482,777

(a) \$6,591,850 of expenses recorded in programming that was recorded as revenue on PMNJ's books.