Texas Local Government Investment Pool

Report on Conduct of Audit

August 31, 2016
October 26, 2016

To the Honorable Glenn Hegar
Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas
208 East 10th Street, Suite 416
Austin, Texas  78701

Dear Mr. Hegar:

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the basic financial statements of the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2016. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for TexPool’s financial reporting process.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, management of TexPool, and the State Auditor of Texas and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

Padgett, Stratemann & Co., L.L.P.

Certified Public Accountants
**Required Communications**

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| **Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America** | As communicated in our arrangement letter dated June 17, 2016, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.  
  
  Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of TexPool solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.  
  
  We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.  
  
  We are not aware of any other documents that contain the audited financial statements. If such documents were to be published, we would have a responsibility to determine such financial information was not materially inconsistent with the audited financial statements of TexPool. |
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**Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

Comments

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to Mr. Paul Ballard.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements present only the TexPool investment trust fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Texas as of August 31, 2016, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion was not modified with respect to this matter.

**Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Practices**

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by TexPool is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There has been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year ended August 31, 2016 other than the required initial adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, and GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. Our opinion was not modified with respect to these matters.

No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.
Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management’s current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimate affecting the financial statements is the estimated fair value of investments. Management’s estimate is based on information currently available, and the process used to calculate this estimate should be monitored throughout the year. This estimate was reviewed and it was determined it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting TexPool’s financial statements relate to investments.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.
In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, we did not identify any corrected or uncorrected financial statements misstatements.

**Disagreements With Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to TexPool’s financial statements or the auditor’s report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

**Representations Requested From Management**

We have requested and received certain written representations from management in our standard representation letter dated October 26, 2016.

**Management’s Consultations With Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

**Other Significant Findings or Issues**

In the normal course of our professional association with TexPool, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting TexPool, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as TexPool’s auditors.