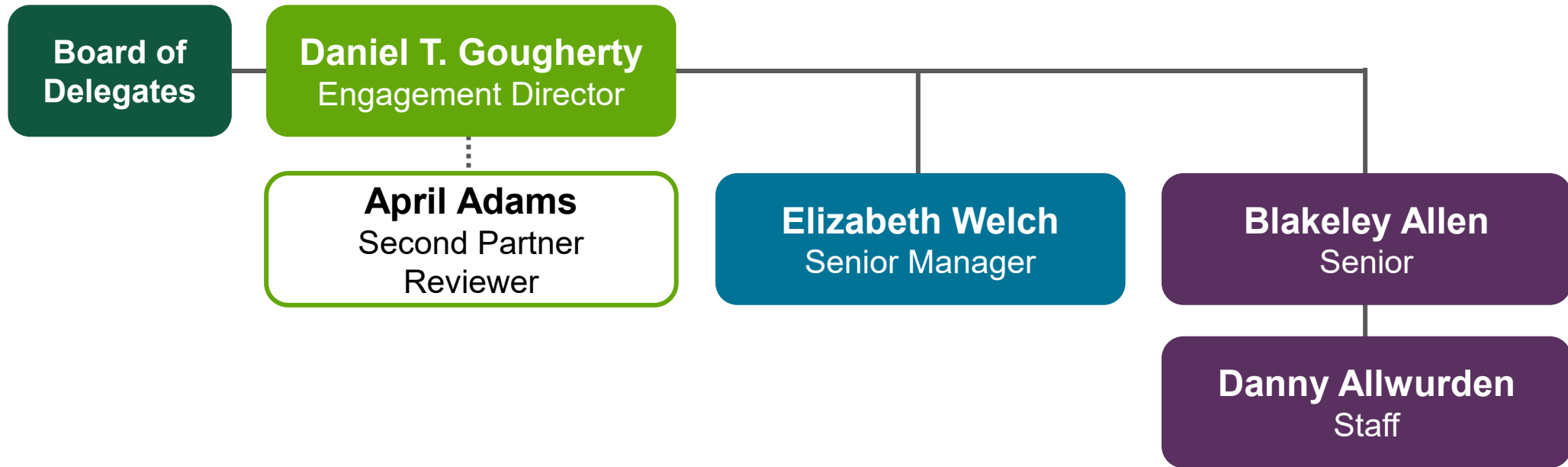


Piedmont Triad Regional Council
Audit Executive Summary

December 7, 2022



Client Service Team





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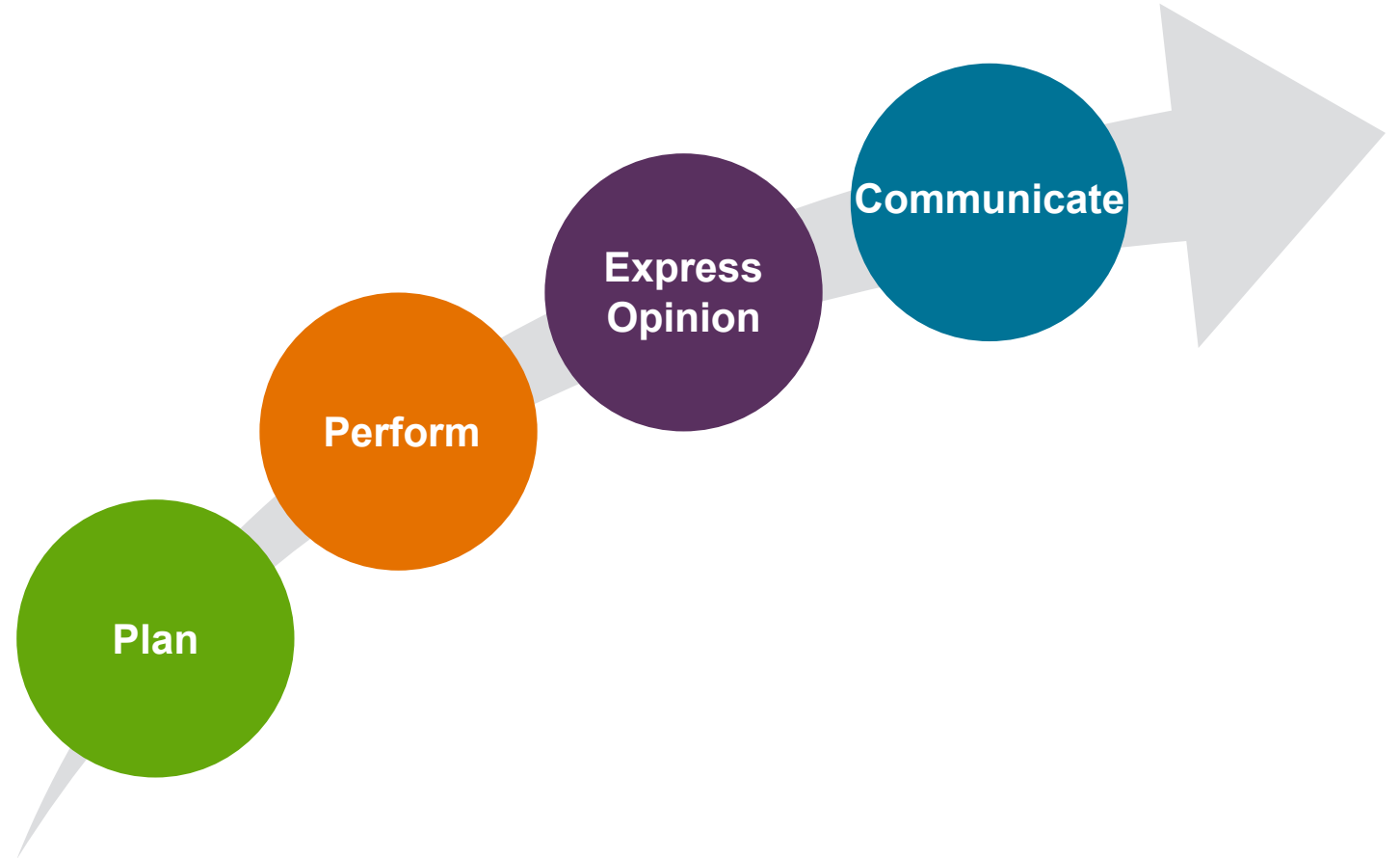


Results of the Audit

We have audited the financial statements of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (“Council’s”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* and have issued our reports dated November 30, 2022.

We have also audited the Council’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement and the Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Council’s major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. We have issued our reports dated November 30, 2022.

We have issued unmodified opinions on the financial statements and our audit of the Council’s major federal state awards identified in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.



Internal Control Communication

In planning and performing our audit, we considered internal control over financial reporting (“internal control”) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and compliance with Uniform Grant Guidance and the NC State Single Audit Implementation Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council’s internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls.

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 or noncompliance on a timely basis.



Internal Control Communication

Material Weakness

- ▶ 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 Council's financial statements or noncompliance will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Significant Deficiency

- ▶ 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.

We identified no material weaknesses.



Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

Corrected Misstatements

▶ None noted.

Uncorrected Misstatements

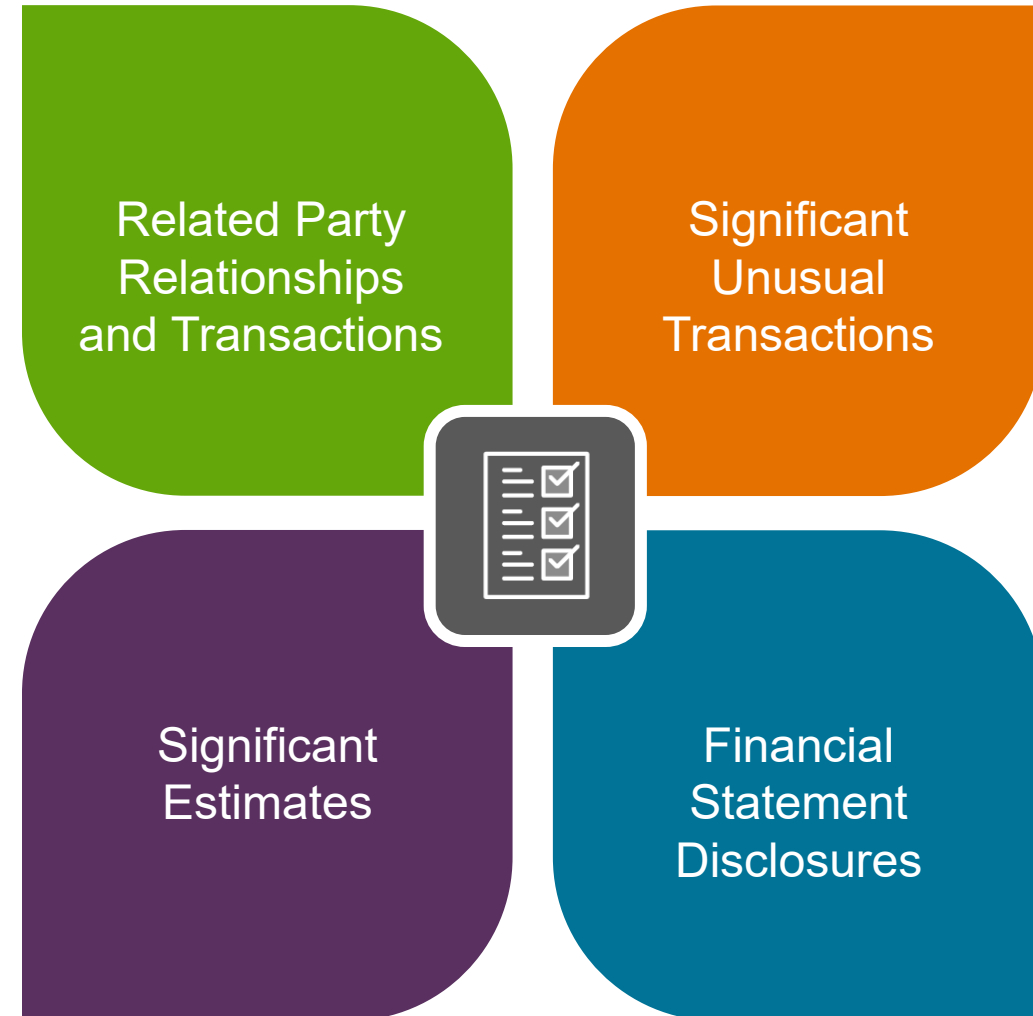
▶ None noted.



Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Council are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

As described in Note 1, the Council changed accounting policies related to lease reporting by adopting GASB 87, Leases, effective June 30, 2022. The new guidance requires lessees in a leasing arrangement recognize a right to use asset and a lease liability for most leases at lease commencement. Following the adoption of the standard, the Council determined that there were no material leases that would be considered subject to the standard and, therefore, no leases have been recorded.

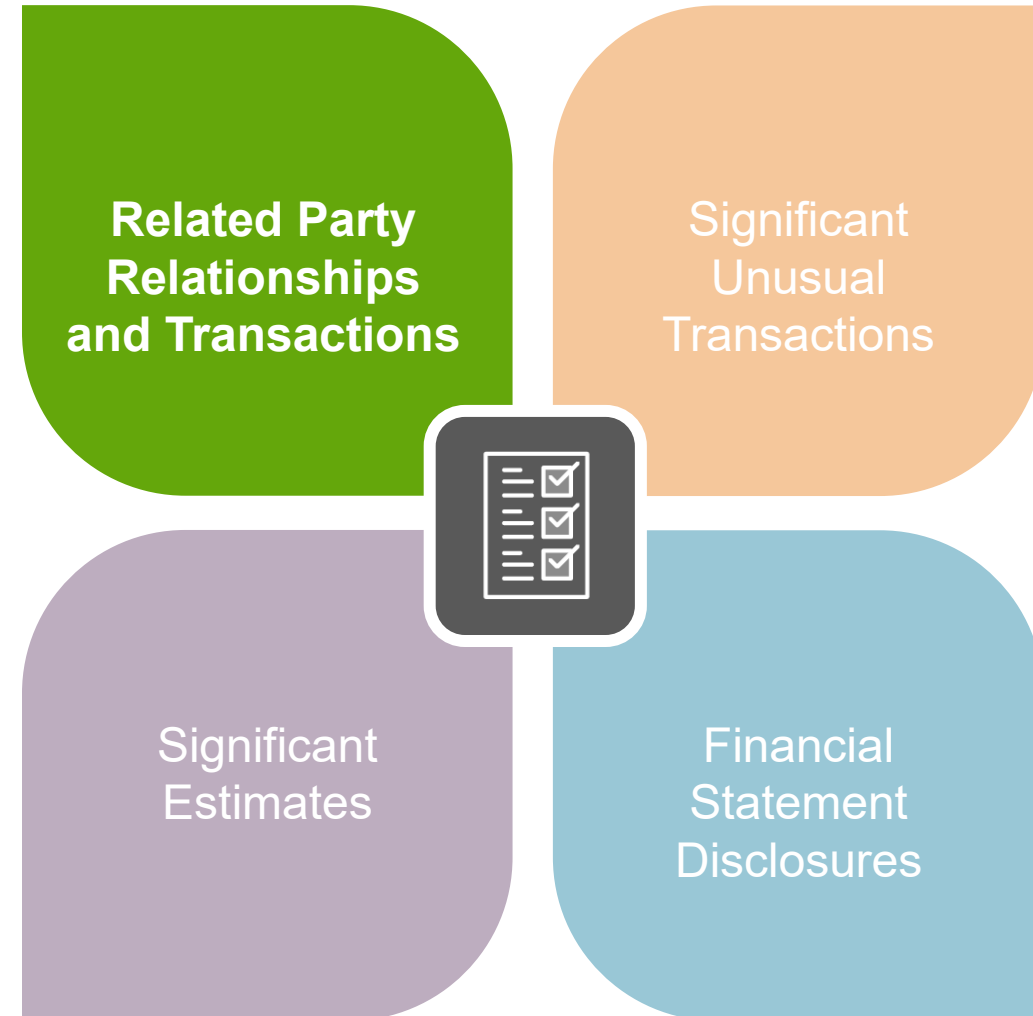


Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

As part of our audit, we evaluated the Council's identification of, accounting for, and disclosure of the Council's relationships and transactions with related parties as required by professional standards.

We noted none of the following:

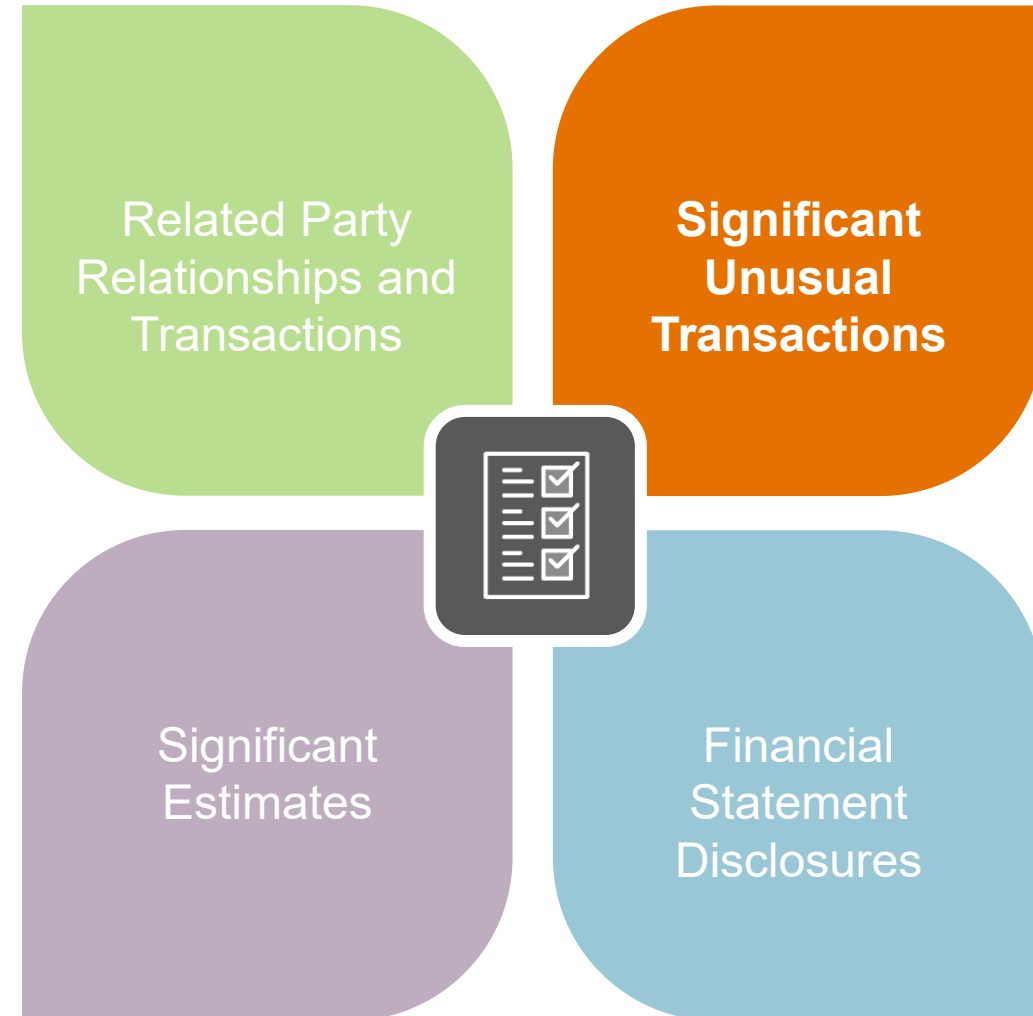
- Related parties or related party relationships or transactions that were previously undisclosed to us;
- Significant related party transactions that have not been approved in accordance with the Council's policies or procedures or for which exceptions to the Council's policies or procedures were granted;
- Significant related party transactions that appeared to lack a business purpose;
- Noncompliance with applicable laws or regulations prohibiting or restricting specific types of related party transactions;
- Difficulties in identifying the party that ultimately controls the entity.



Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

We noted no transactions entered into by the Council during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define significant unusual transactions as transactions that are outside the normal course of business for the Council or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size or nature. We noted no significant unusual transactions during our audit.



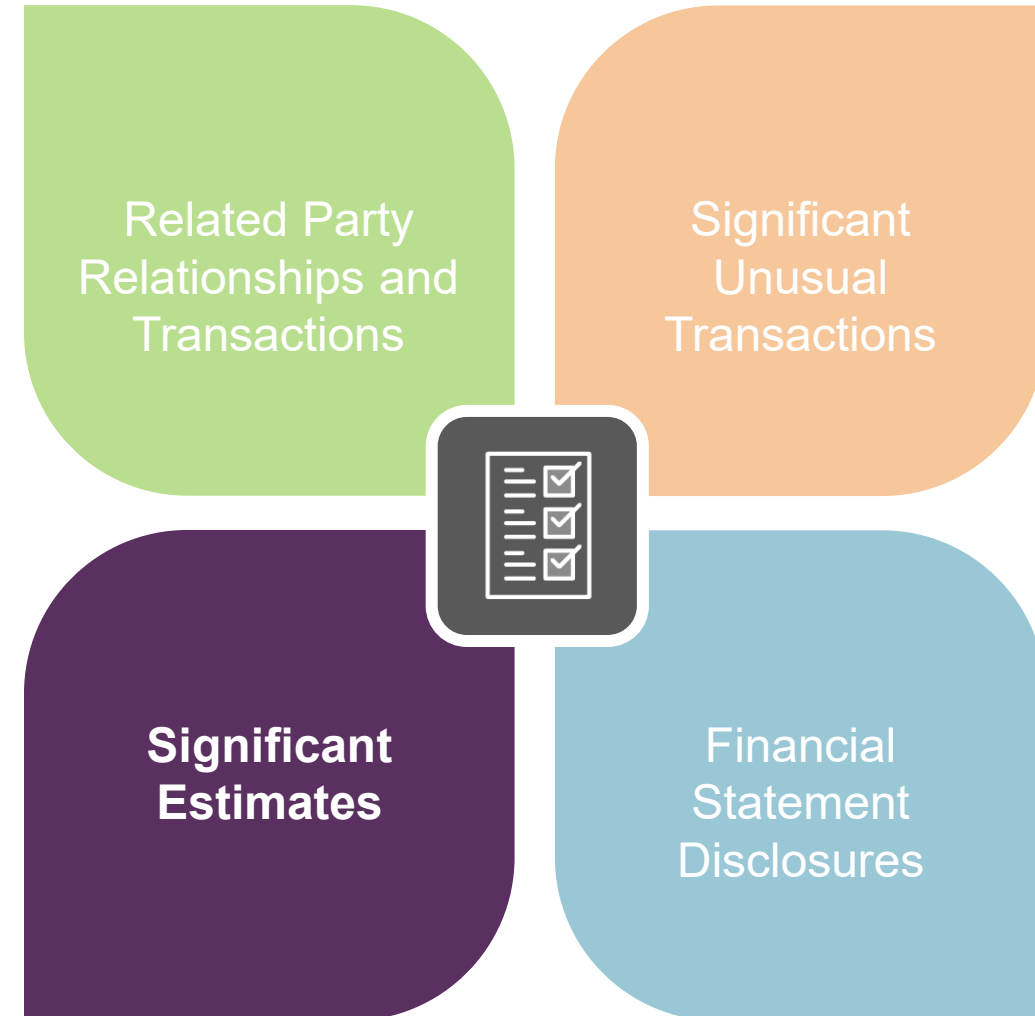
Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the depreciation expense, accumulated depreciation, and depreciable lives of capital assets are based on useful lives of the assets.

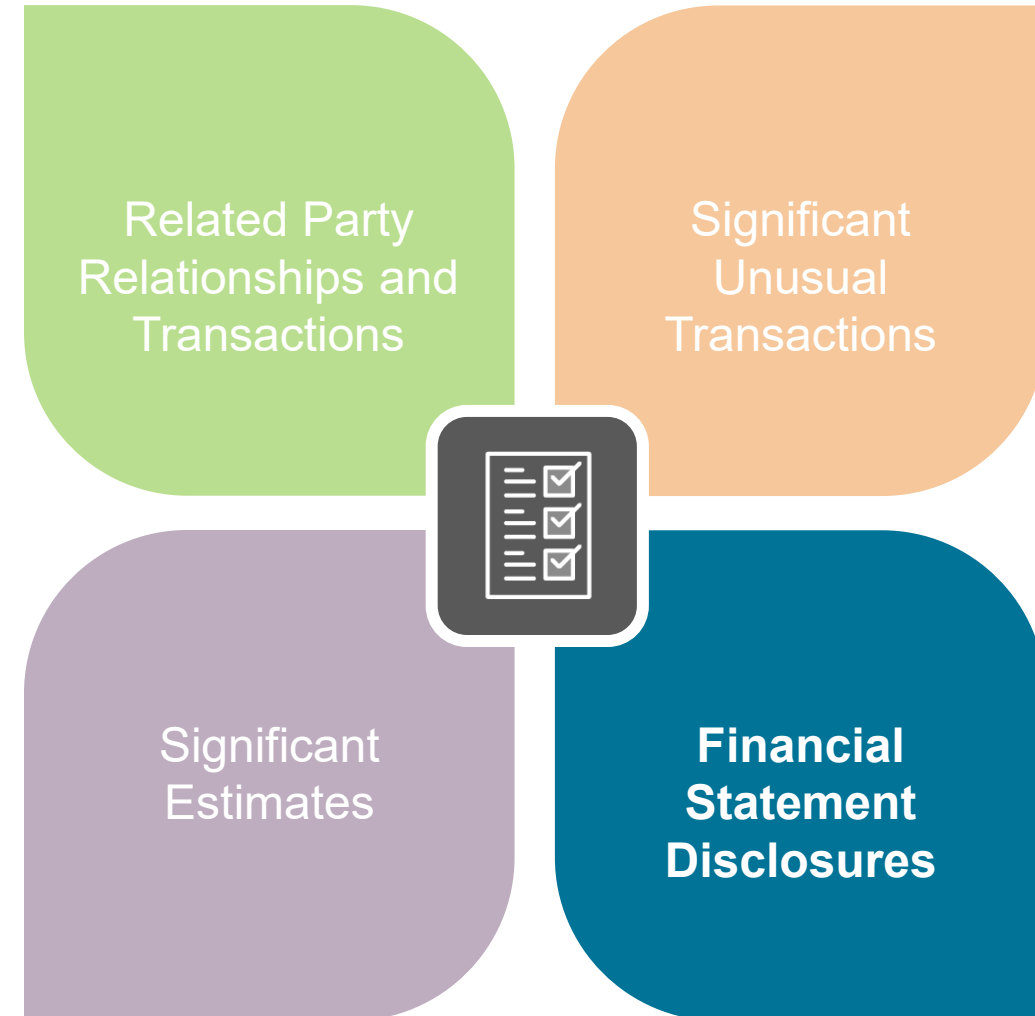
Management's estimate of the net pension liability (LGERS) and related deferred outflows and inflows are based on actuarial valuations by third parties as of June 30, 2022.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.



Independence Considerations

Nonattest Services

- ▶ We have assisted in the preparation of the Council's financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards ("SEFSA"). We will also complete the appropriate sections of and sign the Data Collection Form.
- ▶ For all nonattest services we perform, you are responsible for designating a competent employee to oversee the services, make any management decisions, perform any management functions related to the services, evaluate the adequacy of the services, and accept overall responsibility for the results of the services.

Independence Conclusion

- ▶ We are not aware of any other circumstances or relationships that create threats to auditor independence.
- ▶ We are independent of the Council and have met our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits.



Other Required Communications

Difficulties Encountered

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Disagreements with Management

Includes disagreements on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report.

We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Auditor Consultations

We noted no matters that are difficult or contentious for which the auditor consulted outside the engagement team.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 30, 2022



Other Required Communications

Management Consultations

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations.

To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year.

These discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Fraud and Illegal Acts

As of the date of this presentation no fraud, illegal acts, or violations of laws and regulations noted.

Going Concern

No events or conditions noted that indicate substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern.



Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information ("RSI"), as listed in the table of contents, which supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.



Supplementary Information

We were engaged to report on the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.



Upcoming Financial Reporting Changes

These standards will be effective for the Council in the upcoming years and may have a significant impact on the Council's financial reporting.

We would be happy to discuss with management the potential impacts on the Council's financial statements and how we may be able to assist in the implementation efforts.

GASB 94 – Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements

GASB 96 – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

GASB 100 – Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

GASB 101 – Compensated Absences



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