

August 18, 2022

Board of Trustees  
Federated States of Micronesia Social Security Administration

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees:

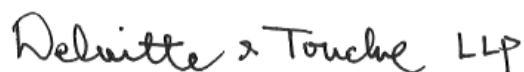
We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Social Security Administration (the Administration), a component unit of the FSM National Government, as of December 31, 2021, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("generally accepted auditing standards") and have issued our report thereon dated August 18, 2022.

We have prepared the following comments to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to oversee the financial reporting and disclosure process for which management of the Administration is responsible.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, and others within the Administration and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank the staff and management of the Administration for their cooperation and assistance during the course of this engagement.

Very truly yours,



cc: The Management of Federated States of Micronesia Social Security Administration



## **OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Our responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, has been described in our engagement letter dated June 21, 2022, a copy which has been provided to you. As described in that letter, our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards include forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with the oversight of the Board of Trustees are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“generally accepted accounting principles”). The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or the Board of Trustees of their responsibilities. We considered internal control relevant to the Administration’s preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that were appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Administration’s internal control.

## **ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s current judgments. Those judgments are ordinarily based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and on assumptions about future events. During the year ended December 31, 2021, we are not aware of any significant changes in accounting estimates or in management’s judgments relating to such estimates.

## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Administration’s significant accounting policies are set forth in Note 2 to the Administration’s 2021 financial statements. During the year ended December 31, 2021, there were no significant changes in previously adopted accounting policies or their application.

In 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*, which postponed the effective dates of GASB Statement No. 84, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93 by one year and GASB Statement No. 87 by 18 months; however, earlier application of the provisions addressed in GASB Statement No. 95 is encouraged and is permitted to the extent specified in each pronouncement as originally issued. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, management has elected to postpone implementation of these statements except for GASB Statement No. 90, which was implemented during the year ended December 31, 2019.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Administration implemented the following pronouncements:

- GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period*, which enhances the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and simplifies accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period.
- GASB Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, which establishes accounting and reporting requirements related to the replacement of Interbank Offered Rates such as the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for hedging derivative instruments. The provision removing LIBOR as an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the evaluation of the effectiveness of derivative instruments is effective for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The implementation of these statements did not have a material effect on the financial statements.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and as inflows of resources or outflows of resources recognized based on the payment provisions of the contract. Management believes that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, GASB Statement No. 87 will be effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

In May 2019, GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, GASB Statement No. 91 will be effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

In January 2020, GASB issued statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics and includes specific provisions about the effective date of Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*, for interim financial reports, the terminology used to refer to derivative instruments and the applicability of certain requirements of Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, to postemployment benefits. The requirements related to the effective date of GASB Statement No. 87 and Implementation Guide 2019-3, reissuance recoveries and terminology used to refer to derivative instruments are effective upon issuance. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, the remaining requirements of GASB Statement No. 92 is effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The primary objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements. This statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 94 will be effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 96 will be effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

In June 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. GASB Statement No. 97 will be effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

In October 2021, GASB issued Statement No. 98, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. This Statement establishes the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 98 will be effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

We have evaluated the significant qualitative aspects of the Administration's accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures and concluded that the policies are appropriate, adequately disclosed, and consistently applied by management.

## **OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION**

When audited financial statements are included in documents containing other information such as the Administration's Annual Reports, we will read such other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. In the event that the Administration issues an Annual Report or other documentation that includes the audited financial statements, we will be required to read the other information in the Administration's 2021 Annual Report and will compare selected amounts or other items in the other information with such amounts or other items in the financial statements. When we read the other information, we will remain alert for indications that (1) a material inconsistency exists between the other information and our knowledge obtained in the audit and (2) a material misstatement of fact exists or the other information is otherwise misleading. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we will be required to communicate the matter to you, request that the correction be made, and, if not corrected, describe it in our report.

## **DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT**

We have not had any disagreements with management related to matters that are material to the Administration's 2021 financial statements.

## **OUR VIEWS ABOUT SIGNIFICANT MATTERS THAT WERE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ACCOUNTANTS**

We are not aware of any consultations that management may have had with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters during 2021.



**OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OR ISSUES ARISING FROM THE AUDIT DISCUSSED, OR SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE, WITH MANAGEMENT**

Throughout the year, routine discussions were held, or were the subject of correspondence, with management. In our judgment, such discussions or correspondence did not involve significant findings or issues requiring communication to the Board of Trustees.

**SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT**

In our judgment, we received the full cooperation of the Administration’s management and staff and had unrestricted access to the Administration’s senior management in the performance of our audit.

**MANAGEMENT’S REPRESENTATIONS**

We have made specific inquiries of the Administration’s management about the representations embodied in the financial statements. In addition, we have requested that management provide to us the written representations the Administration is required to provide to its independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards. We have attached to this letter, as Attachment I, a copy of the representation letter we obtained from management.

**EMPHASIS OF MATTER**

As discussed in Note 4 to the financial statements, the Administration may be unable to meet its future benefit obligations. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**CONTROL-RELATED MATTERS**

We have issued a separate report to you, also dated August 18, 2022, containing certain matters involving the Administration’s internal control over financial reporting and on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters, which was based on the audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Although we have included management’s written response to our comments contained in the report, such response has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the appropriateness of the response or the effectiveness of any corrective actions described therein.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Administration in a separate letter dated August 18, 2022.

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August 18, 2022

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We are providing this letter in connection with your audits of the statements of fiduciary net position of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Social Security Administration (the Administration), a component unit of the FSM National Government, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Administration in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

We confirm that we are responsible for the following:

- a. The preparation and fair presentation in the financial statements of the financial position of the Administration and fiduciary net position and changes therein in accordance with GAAP.
- b. The fair presentation of the required supplementary information, including Management's Discussion and Analysis, accompanying the financial statements that are required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- c. The fair presentation of the additional information accompanying the financial statements that is presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the financial statements.
- d. 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
  - To prevent and detect fraud
- e. The review and approval of the financial statements and related notes and acknowledge your role in the preparation of this information. Specifically, we acknowledge that your role in the preparation of the financial statements was a matter of convenience rather than one of necessity. We have reviewed the financial statement preparation assistance provided by you and acknowledge that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our review was based on the use of the financial statement disclosure checklist for pension and other postemployment benefit system and cash and investment pools obtained from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audits.

1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in accordance with GAAP. In addition:
  - a. The financial statements include all fiduciary activities as required by GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, as amended.
  - b. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified in category of custodial credit risk.
  - c. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
  - d. Required supplementary information is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
  - e. Other supplementary information is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
2. The Administration has provided to you all relevant information and access as agreed in the terms of the audit engagement letter.
3. The Administration has made available to you:
  - a. All minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared. Meetings were held for the following dates:
    - April 20, 2021
    - September 29-October 1, 2021
    - November 19, 2021
    - March 16-17, 2022

Subsequent to the March 2022 meeting, nothing of significance was discussed that would require adjustments to, or disclosure in, the December 31, 2021 financial statements.
  - b. All financial records and related data for all financial transactions of the Administration and for all funds administered by the Administration. The records, books, and accounts, as provided to you, record the financial and fiscal operations of all funds administered by the Administration and provide the audit trail to be used in a review of accountability. Information presented in financial reports is supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
  - c. Contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence that has taken place with regulatory agencies.
4. There has been no:
  - a. Action taken by Administration management that contravenes the provisions of federal laws and Federated States of Micronesia laws and regulations, or of contracts and grants applicable to the Administration.
  - b. Communication with other regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices or other matters that could have a material effect on the financial statements.



5. The Administration has not performed a formal risk assessment, including the assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. However, management has made available to you their understanding about the risks of fraud in the Administration and do not believe that the financial statements are materially misstated as a result of fraud.
6. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Administration involving:
  - a. Management.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in the Administration's internal control.
  - c. Others, where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
7. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Administration's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that we are aware of or that legal counsel has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards ("GASB Codification") Section C50, *Claims and Judgments*.
8. The methods, significant assumptions, and the data used by us in making the accounting estimates and the related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is in accordance with GAAP.
9. We are responsible for compliance with local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of grants and contracts relating to the Entity's operations. We are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of the federal statutes and regulations. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining the components of internal control relating to our activities in order to achieve the objectives of providing reliable financial reports, effective and efficient operations, and compliance with laws and regulations. We are responsible for maintaining accounting and administrative control over revenues, obligations, expenditures, assets, and liabilities.
10. We have informed you of all investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated during the year ended December 31, 2021 or are in process as of December 31, 2021.
11. We are responsible for all nonaudit services performed by you during the year ended December 31, 2021 and through August 18, 2022.
12. We have disclosed to you all deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting identified as part of our evaluation, including separately disclosing to you all such deficiencies that are significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting.
13. No changes in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control over financial reporting, including any corrective actions taken by the Administration with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2021.
14. We are responsible for taking corrective action on audit findings and have developed a corrective action plan. We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that you report.
15. Management has identified and disclosed to you all laws and regulations that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.



16. We believe that we have properly identified, reported, and classified each component unit of the Administration and each activity that meets the criteria established in GASB Codification Section 2100, *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity*, and GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, as amended. No organizations or activities were identified that meet the criteria established in GASB Codification Section 2100, *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity*, and GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, as amended.
17. No organizations were identified that meet the criteria established in GASB Codification Section 2100, *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity*.
18. There have been no unusual or infrequent events or transactions, occurring after the latest benefit information date but before issuance of the Administration's financial statements that might affect the usefulness of its financial statements when assessing the Administration's present and future ability to pay benefits.
19. The Administration is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Administration has elected to purchase commercial insurance from independent third parties for the risks of loss to which it is exposed. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Administration is also exposed to investment risk. This risk is limited to diversification of the portfolio, establishment and monitoring of investment policies and guidelines, and monitoring of investment performance. In addition, investment consultants monitor the Administration's activities and advise the Board of Trustees.
20. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used by the actuary for funding purposes and for measuring the unfunded actuarial accrued liability as of January 1, 2020 are appropriate in the circumstances. Note 4 to the financial statements discloses all of the facts (i.e., significant conditions and events and management plans) of which we are aware that are relevant to Administration's ability to continue as a going concern. Specifically, Administration acknowledges that the funding ratio of the Retirement Fund as of January 1, 2020 is 15.4% and that these conditions indicate that Administration may be unable to meet its future benefit obligations.

Except where otherwise stated below, immaterial matters less than \$380,000, collectively, are not considered to be exceptions that require disclosure for the purpose of the following representations. This amount is not necessarily indicative of amounts that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

21. There are no transactions that have not been properly recorded and reflected in the financial statements.
22. The Administration has no plans or intentions that may affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
23. Regarding related parties:
  - a. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Administration's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
  - b. To the extent applicable, related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees (written or oral) have been appropriately identified, properly accounted for, and disclosed in the financial statements.

24. In preparing the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, management uses estimates. All estimates have been disclosed in the financial statements for which known information available prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that both of the following criteria are met:
- a. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect on the financial statements of a condition, situation, or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements will change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events
  - b. The effect of the change would be material to the financial statements.
25. There are no:
- a. Instances of identified or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements, or other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
  - b. Known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements that have not been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
  - c. Known actual or likely instances of abuse that have occurred that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements.
  - d. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB Codification Section C50, *Claims and Judgments*, except as disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements.
26. The Administration has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets, nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
27. The Administration has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that may have an effect on the financial statements.
28. No department or agency of the Administration has reported a material instance of noncompliance to us.
29. There have been no changes in the method or significant assumptions used to determine the amount of unfunded actuarial accrued liability.
30. We agree with the findings of the actuary in determining the amount of unfunded actuarial accrued liability and have adequately considered the qualifications of the actuary in determining amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give any instructions, nor cause any instructions to be given, to the actuary with respect to values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not aware of any matters that have affected the independence or objectivity of the actuary.
31. Regarding required supplementary information:
- a. We confirm that we are responsible for the required supplementary information.
  - b. The required supplementary information is measured and presented in accordance with GASB Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
  - c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period.

## 32. Regarding supplementary information:

- a. We are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GASB Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
- b. We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GASB Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
- c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period.

33. Management is aware of its responsibility to disclose whether, subsequent to December 31, 2021, any changes in internal control or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses, have occurred. We represent to you that no such changes or corrective action has so occurred.

34. Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims or other charges arising on or before the date of the statements of net assets and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated net realizable value.

35. Quantitative and qualitative information regarding the allowance for doubtful accounts has been properly disclosed in the financial statements.

36. Financial instruments with significant individual or group concentration of credit risk have been appropriately identified, properly recorded, and disclosed in the financial statements.

37. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Administration implemented the following pronouncements:

- GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period*, which enhances the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and simplifies accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period.
- GASB Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, which establishes accounting and reporting requirements related to the replacement of Interbank Offered Rates such as the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for hedging derivative instruments. The provision removing LIBOR as an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the evaluation of the effectiveness of derivative instruments is effective for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The implementation of these statements did not have a material effect on the financial statements.

38. Regarding the future implementation of GASB Statements effective for the years ending December 31, 2022 and after, as detailed in the note 2 of the financial statements, the Administration does not believe the implementation will have a material effect on its financial statements with the exception of Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which will be effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The Administration has not completed the process of evaluating the impact that will result from adopting GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as discussed in Note 2. The Administration is therefore unable to disclose the impact that adopting GASB Statement No. 87 will have on its financial position and results of operations.

39. On September 15, 2005, an agreement was entered into between the PSTFA Board and the U.S. Department of the Interior to delegate the Board's obligations and responsibility for the enrollees eligible for Prior Service Benefits Program to the Social Security Systems of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Retirement Fund of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Based on the agreement, the Social Security Administration (SSA) of each Government shall be entitled to an administrative fee not to exceed 20% of the share of allocated funds. The Administration assumed administrative functions and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, received an allocation of \$302,402 and \$226,841, respectively, from PSTFA. Total benefit and administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 amounted to \$232,228 and \$256,337, respectively. However, while the Administration accepts the liability for any amounts received, the Administration does not accept the obligation to pay future benefits unless additional funds are received from PSTFA. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the amount available for future benefit payments under the Prior Service Benefits Program amounted to \$205,274 and \$135,029, respectively.
40. No events have occurred after December 31, 2021 but before August 18, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, that require consideration as adjustments to or disclosures in the financial statements.

Very truly yours,



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Administrator



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