

# Independent Auditor's Report for Cost Sharing Plans



To the Utah State Retirement Board  
Utah State Retirement Systems  
Salt Lake City, Utah

## REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE SCHEDULES

### Opinion

We have audited the employer allocations and the total for all entities of the columns titled employer contributions, net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total employer net pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions (specified column totals) including in the accompanying schedules of employer allocations and pension amounts of the Noncontributory Retirement System, Contributory Retirement System, Firefighters Retirement System, Judges Retirement System, Utah Governors and Legislators Retirement Plan, Tier 2 Public Employees Contributory Retirement System, and Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighters Contributory Retirement System (Defined Benefit Pension Plans) of Utah Retirement Systems (URS or the System), a component unit of the State of Utah, administered by the Utah State Retirement Board, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the Schedules.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the employer allocations and the total employer contributions, net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total employer net pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions for the total of all participating

entities for the Noncontributory Retirement System, Contributory Retirement System, Public Safety Retirement System, Firefighters Retirement System, Judges Retirement System, Utah Governors and Legislators Retirement Plan, Tier 2 Public Employees Contributory Retirement System and Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighters Contributory Retirement System of URS, a component unit of the State of Utah, administered by the Utah State Retirement board as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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 Utah Retirement Systems 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 opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Schedules

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedules 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

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and fair presentation of schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedules

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedules as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. 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 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 schedules.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- » Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- » Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the schedules, 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 schedules.
- » 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 Utah Retirement Systems’ 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 Utah Retirement Systems’ 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 audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

### Other Matter

We have audited, in accordance with 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, the financial statements of Utah Retirement Systems, a component unit of the State of Utah, administered by the Utah State Retirement Board, which includes the Defined Benefit Pension Plans, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and our report thereon, dated May 31, 2024, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

### Restriction on Use

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Utah Retirement Systems management, the Utah State Retirement Board, the employers of the Defined Benefit Pension Plans of Utah Retirement Systems and their auditors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Salt Lake City, Utah  
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