



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA ATLANTA, GEORGIA

**REPORT ON AUDIT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021**



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AUDIT SUMMARY

We have audited the basic financial statements of the University System of Georgia (USG) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and issued our report thereon, dated December 21, 2021. We conducted our audit 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. Our Independent Auditor's Report, included in the USG's Annual Financial Report, is available on the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts' website at www.audits.ga.gov and on the USG's website at www.usg.edu.

Our audit of the USG found:

- the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects;
- no internal control over financial reporting findings that require management's attention;
- no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Summary of Opinions

Opinion Unit	Type of Opinion
Business-Type Activities	Unmodified
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units	Unmodified (Audited by Other Auditors)
Fiduciary Activities	Unmodified



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia
Members of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
and
Teresa MacCartney, Acting Chancellor
University System of Georgia

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities, aggregate discretely presented component units, and fiduciary activities of the University System of Georgia (USG), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the USG's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2021. We conducted our audit in accordance with the 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.

Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units, as described in our report on the USG's financial statements. The financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, except for the Augusta University Foundation, Inc., Augusta University Research Institute, Inc., AU Health Systems, Inc., Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc., Georgia Tech Research Corporation, University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., and University System of Georgia Foundation, Inc. Accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with those component units. This report also does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors for the component units audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the USG's 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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the USG's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the USG's internal control.

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 on a timely basis. 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 USG's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and

corrected on a timely basis. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the USG's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the USG's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the USG's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin".

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

December 21, 2021

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