



**REPORT ON REVIEW • FISCAL YEAR 2025**

# East Georgia State College

## Swainsboro, Georgia

**A Member Institution of the University System of Georgia**

**Greg S. Griffin | State Auditor**



**DOAA**

Georgia Department  
of Audits & Accounts

## **Review Summary**

We have reviewed the financial statements of the business-type activities and the fiduciary funds of East Georgia State College, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and issued our report thereon, dated August 27, 2025. We conducted our review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Our Independent Accountant's Review Report, included in the East Georgia State College's Annual Financial Report, is available on the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts' website at [www.audits.ga.gov](http://www.audits.ga.gov) and on the East Georgia State College's website at [www.ega.edu](http://www.ega.edu).

Our review of the College found:

- One significant modification was made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and
- one financial finding was reported that requires management's attention.

## ENTITY'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None Noted

EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND OTHER ITEMS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

**FS 2025-001**                      Improve Controls over Financial Reporting

**Internal Control Impact:**                      Significant Deficiency

**Compliance Impact:**                      None

**Description:**

East Georgia State College did not have adequate internal controls in place over the financial statement reporting process.

**Criteria:**

Management is responsible for implementing a system of internal control over the preparation of financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Additionally, the College is required to annually submit GAAP basis financial statements for inclusion in the State of Georgia's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

**Condition:**

Our review of the College's GAAP basis financial statements revealed that an adjustment was required to present the financial statements accurately. An adjustment was proposed by the auditors and accepted by the College to correct the overstatement of tuition and fees revenues and scholarships and fellowships expense in the amount of \$3,059,890.

**Cause:**

In discussing this deficiency with the College, management indicated that the error occurred as a result to personnel changes within business and finance and the loss of several positions due to the consolidation of East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University. This caused a breakdown in the recording, approval and review of year-end journal entries and the preparation of financial statements.

**Effect:**

A significant misstatement was included in the financial statements presented for review. In addition, the lack of controls and monitoring could impact the reporting of the College's financial position and results of operations.

**Recommendation:**

The College should review the accounting controls and procedures currently in place, identify weaknesses, and design and implement procedures necessary to strengthen controls over the preparation of the financial statements.

**Views of Responsible Officials:**

We concur with this finding.



# East Georgia

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### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

#### FS 2025-001 Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

**Internal Control Impact:**

Significant Deficiency

**Description:**

The College's accounting procedures were insufficient to provide for adequate internal control over the preparation of the financial statements.

**Corrective Action Plans:**

East Georgia State College (EGSC) will enhance its year-end financial reporting processes by strengthening internal controls and review procedures. During FY2025, the cause of the error was performing financial statement preparation for multiple institutions simultaneously. Data from Georgia Southern University was inadvertently used in preparing the scholarship allowance journal entry for EGSC.

To prevent recurrence, EGSC will ensure that all material year-end journal entries are prepared using only verified institutional data and are subject to a two-layer management review prior to posting. In addition, staff involved in financial reporting will receive targeted training on proper documentation, reconciliation requirements, and institutional data separation when preparing entries. EGSC will also evaluate opportunities for automating reconciliation and review processes to improve efficiency and accuracy.

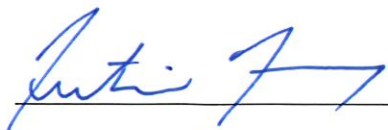
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