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# Communication with Those Charged with Governance under AU-C §260

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November 9, 2023

Board of Directors and Management Association of Teacher Educators

Dear Board of Directors and Management:

We have audited the financial statements of Association of Teacher Educators as of August 31, 2023 and for the year then ended and have issued our report thereon. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audits.

# Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letters, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Our responsibility for the supplementary information required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, as described by professional standards, is to apply certain limited procedures to the information about management's methods of preparing the information; however, we will not express an opinion or any assurance on the information.

# Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit, Significant Risks, and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audits will include obtaining an understanding of the Association and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the Association or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Association. We will generally communicate our significant finding at the conclusion of the audits. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

We have identified the following significant risks of material misstatement as part of our audit planning: cash (including interest-bearing deposits), grants receivable, investments, promises to give, other assets, accounts payable, deferred income, and other liabilities, revenue, expenses, and equity (all equity accounts).

#### Significant Audit Matters

## Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Association are described in notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Association 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.

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 statement and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was Management's estimate of the life of the Association's property and equipment. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were the disclosure of related party transactions and the disclosure of subsequent events, if applicable.

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

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

#### 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. The adjusting journal entries have been provided to the Association and will be posted to the Association's accounts, if appropriate. The journal entries are immaterial, either individually or in the aggregate.

### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement 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.

## Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter.

## Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Association's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Association's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### Required Supplementary Information

With respect to the supplementary information required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, we applied certain limited procedures to the information, including inquiring of management about their methods of preparing the information; comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements; and obtaining certain representations from management, including about whether the required supplementary information in measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines.

Very truly yours,

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