



May 15, 2026

Board of Trustees
Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Attention: Mr. Ty Carlos, Board Chair

This letter is intended to communicate certain matters related to the planned scope and timing of our audit of Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana's (the System) employer pension schedules and compliance as of and for the year ended June 30, 2026.

Communication

Effective two-way communication between our firm and the Board of Trustees is important to understanding matters related to the audit and developing a constructive working relationship.

Your insights may assist us in understanding the System and its environment, identifying appropriate sources of audit evidence and providing information about specific transactions or events. We will discuss with you your oversight of the effectiveness of internal control and any areas where you request additional procedures to be undertaken. We expect that you will timely communicate to us any matters you consider relevant to the audit. Such matters might include strategic decisions that may significantly affect the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures, your suspicion or detection of fraud, or any concerns you may have about the integrity or competence of senior management.

We will timely communicate to you any fraud involving senior management and other known or likely fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, provisions of contracts or grant agreements or abuse that is likely to have a material effect on the employer pension schedules. We will also communicate illegal acts, instances of noncompliance or fraud that come to our attention (unless they are clearly inconsequential), and disagreements with management and other serious difficulties encountered in performing the audit. We also will communicate to you and to management any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control that become known to us during the course of the audit. Additionally, we will communicate significant unusual transactions, matters that are difficult or contentious for which we consulted outside the engagement team, and circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report. Other matters arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to you in your oversight of the financial reporting process will be communicated to you in writing.

Shared Responsibilities for Independence

Independence is a joint responsibility and is managed most effectively when management, audit committees (or their equivalents), and audit firms work together in considering compliance with American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and *Government Accountability Office* (GAO) independence rules. For HoganTaylor to fulfill its professional responsibility to maintain and monitor independence, management, the Board of Trustees, and HoganTaylor each play an important role.

Our responsibilities

- AICPA and GAO rules require independence both of mind and in appearance when providing audit and other attestation services. HoganTaylor is to ensure that the AICPA and GAO's General Requirements for performing nonattest services are adhered to and included in all letters of engagement.
- Maintain a system of quality management over compliance with independence rules and firm policies.

Your responsibilities

- Timely inform HoganTaylor, before the effective date of transactions or other business changes, of the following:
 - ❖ New affiliates, directors, or officers.
 - ❖ Changes in the organizational structure or the reporting entity impacting affiliates such as partnerships, related entities, investments, joint ventures, etc..
- Provide necessary affiliate information such as new or updated structure charts, as well as financial information required to perform materiality calculations needed for making affiliate determinations.
- Understand and conclude on the permissibility, prior to the System and its affiliates, officers, directors, or persons in a decision-making capacity, engaging in business relationships with HoganTaylor.
- Not entering into arrangements of nonaudit services resulting in HoganTaylor being involved in making management decisions on behalf of the System.
- Not entering into relationships resulting in close family members of HoganTaylor covered persons, temporarily or permanently acting as an officer, director, or person in an accounting, financial reporting or compliance oversight role at the System.

Our Independence Policies and Procedures

Our independence policies and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that our firm and its personnel comply with applicable professional independence standards. Our policies address financial interests, business and family relationships, and nonaudit services that may be thought to bear on independence. For example, our partners and professional employees are restricted in their ability to own a direct financial interest or a material indirect financial interest in a client or any affiliate of a client. Also, if an immediate family member or close relative of a partner or professional employee is employed by a client in a key position, the incident must be reported and resolved in accordance with firm policy. In addition, our policies prohibit us from providing certain nonattest services and require audit clients to accept certain responsibilities in connection with the provision of permitted nonattest services.

The Audit Planning Process

Our audit approach places a strong emphasis on obtaining an understanding of how your entity functions. This enables us to identify key audit components and tailor our procedures to the unique aspects of your operations. The development of a specific audit plan begins by meeting with management and those charged with governance to obtain an understanding of business objectives, strategies, risks and performance.

As part of obtaining an understanding of the System and its environment, we will obtain an understanding of your system of internal control. We will use this understanding to identify risks of material misstatement and noncompliance, which will provide us with a basis for designing and implementing responses to the assessed risks of material misstatement and noncompliance. We will also obtain an understanding of the

users of the employer pension schedules in order to establish an overall materiality level for audit purposes. We will conduct formal discussions among engagement team members to consider how and where your employer pension schedules might be susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud or error or to instances of noncompliance.

The Concept of Materiality in Planning and Executing the Audit

We apply the concept of materiality in both planning and performing the audit, evaluating the effect of identified misstatements or noncompliance on the audit and the effect of uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the employer pension schedules, forming the opinion in our report on the employer pension schedules, and determining or reporting in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Our determination of materiality is a matter of professional judgment and is affected by our perception of the financial and compliance informational needs of users of the employer pension schedules. We establish performance materiality at an amount less than materiality for the employer pension schedules as a whole to allow for the risk of misstatements that may not be detected by the audit. We use performance materiality for purposes of assessing the risks of material misstatement and determining the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures. Our assessment of materiality throughout the audit will be based on both quantitative and qualitative considerations. Because of the interaction of quantitative and qualitative considerations, misstatements of a relatively small amount could have a material effect on the current employer pension schedules as well as employer pension schedules of future periods. We will accumulate misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial. At the end of the audit, we will inform you of all individual uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us in connection with our evaluation of our audit test results.

Significant Risks of Material Misstatement

Our audit of the employer pension schedules includes the performance of risk assessment procedures in order to identify risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. As part of these risk assessment procedures, we determine whether any risks identified are a significant risk. A significant risk is an identified risk of material misstatement for which the assessment of inherent risk is close to the upper end of the spectrum of inherent risk due to the degree to which inherent risk factors affect the combination of the likelihood of a misstatement occurring and the magnitude of the potential misstatement should that misstatement occur, or that is to be treated as a significant risk in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. As part of our initial risk assessment procedures, we did not identify any significant risks; however, significant risks may be identified as we perform additional audit procedures.

Our Approach to Internal Control and Compliance Relevant to the Audit

Our audit of the employer pension schedules, including compliance, will include obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting and compliance sufficient to plan the audit and determine the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures to be performed. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control over financial reporting and compliance or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Our review and understanding of the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance is not undertaken for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control.

We will issue a report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters related to the employer pension schedules. This report describes the scope of testing of internal control over

financial reporting and compliance and the results of our tests of internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Our report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters will include any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the system of which we become aware as a result of obtaining an understanding of internal control and performing tests of internal control over financial reporting and noncompliance and other matters consistent with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Timing of the Audit

Preliminary procedures for the audit of the employer pension schedules will begin in July 2026 in conjunction with the System's financial statement audit. All remaining procedures will be performed remotely, and are dependent on the cooperation of the agencies selected for testing. Management's adherence to its closing schedule and timely completion of information used by us in performance of the audit is essential to timely completion of the audit.

Closing

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than this specified party.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hogan Taylor LP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.