



MBA Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2025

Chair David Ybarra called to order the meeting of the MBA Audit Committee for January 29, 2025, at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Margaret Anderson Kelliher was present. Commissioner Tony Sanneh was absent.

Commissioner Anderson Kelliher moved to approve the agenda; Chair Ybarra seconded. The motion was passed.

Audit Exit Meeting with State Auditor's Office

Stephanie Kuka, Audit Director from the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor, presented the Independent Auditor's Report of the MBA financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. Ms. Kuka said that the State Auditor's office performs tests of the MBA's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. Nothing came to their attention that is materially inconsistent with the financial statements. No significant difficulties were encountered in dealing with management in performing and completing the Audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require the Auditors to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the Audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No misstatements were found.

Disagreements with Management

Professional standards define a disagreement with management as 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. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Other Matters

The State Auditor's office applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, PERA retirement plan schedules, budgetary presentations for the General Fund and Capital Reserve Fund, and Notes to the Required Supplementary Information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. The procedures consisted of inquiries of management's responses to inquiries, the basic financial statements, and

other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. The Auditor did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it. The financial statements of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority include information in the Introductory Section not audited by the State. This other information was not audited, and the Auditor expresses no opinion and provide no assurance on it. However, they read the other information and did not identify any material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Significant New Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 100 – Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

Effective for calendar year 2024, the GASB provides clarification on the categories and prescribed accounting for changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, changes to or within the financial reporting entity, and corrections of errors in previously issued financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 101 - Compensated Absences

Effective for calendar year 2024, the new model for recognition and measurements of all types of compensated absences will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when the Authority incurs a liability and a more robust estimate of the amount of compensated absences that the Authority will pay or settle. The Authority should review its employment policies to consider all types of compensated absences provided to employees, noting when each type is earned or eligible for use or payment in the future. Fund financial statements should reflect an expenditure and liability for the estimated amount of compensated absences normally liquidated with current financial resources.

Opinion

In the Auditor’s opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Audit Entrance Meeting with the State Auditor’s Office

Ms. Kuka went over the auditor’s responsibilities and the responsibilities of the MBA for the audit for the year ending December 31, 2024. Ms. Kuka informed the committee that Matt Syverson, Auditor, will likely perform the 2024 audit and much of the work will take place in the fall of 2025.

There being no further business, Chair Ybarra moved to adjourn. The meeting of the MBA Audit Committee for January 29, 2025, was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.