

# **Annual Report**

June 30, 2022



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### **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, including the related notes, which comprise the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan's basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan - Direct Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.



### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
  include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
  statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Direct Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplemental Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the accompanying management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplemental information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic



financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan's basic financial statements. The supplemental information on pages 21 through 26 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplemental information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 31, 2022 on our consideration of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Charlotte, NC August 31, 2022



As Plan Manager of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan (the Direct Plan) offered by the state of Oklahoma, TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. (TFI) offers this discussion and analysis of the Direct Plan's financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2022, with comparative information for the year ended June 30, 2021. Readers should consider the information presented in this section in conjunction with the Direct Plan's financial statements and notes to the financial statements (collectively, "the basic financial statements"). Readers may also find useful the supplementary information on pages 21 through 26, which provides information about the activities and balances attributable to each investment option offered to account owners.

This report consists of three parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and supplementary schedules detailing balances and transactions attributable to each investment option. The basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, and Notes to Financial Statements that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed information.

# **Financial Highlights**

The following table summarizes returns (net of fees) posted by each investment option during the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

|                                    | Year Ended<br>June 30, 2022 | Year Ended<br>June 30, 2021 |                               | Year Ended<br>June 30, 2022 | Year Ended<br>June 30, 2021 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Enrollment Year Investment Options |                             |                             | Risk-Based Investment Options |                             |                             |
| 2038/2039 Enrollment Option        | (14.50%) <sup>(2)</sup>     | N/A                         | U.S. Equity Index Option      | (14.05%)                    | 43.77%                      |
| 2036/2037 Enrollment Option        | (13.58%)                    | 31.73%                      | Global Equity Index Option    | (16.13%)                    | 40.21%                      |
| 2034/2035 Enrollment Option        | (13.07%)                    | 30.54%                      | Diversified Equity Option     | (17.66%)                    | 41.63%                      |
| 2032/2033 Enrollment Option        | (12.41%)                    | 27.86%                      | Balanced Option               | (14.55%)                    | 25.21%                      |
| 2030/2031 Enrollment Option        | (11.84%)                    | 24.93%                      | Fixed Income Option           | (9.12%)                     | 1.86%                       |
| 2028/2029 Enrollment Option        | (11.44%)                    | 22.38%                      | Guaranteed Option             | 1.09%                       | 1.54%                       |
| 2026/2027 Enrollment Option        | (10.81%)                    | 20.15%                      |                               |                             |                             |
| 2024/2025 Enrollment Option        | (9.39%)                     | 17.45%                      |                               |                             |                             |
| 2022/2023 Enrollment Option        | (6.73%)                     | 14.55%                      |                               |                             |                             |
| 2020/2021 Enrollment Option        | 0.53% <sup>(1)</sup>        | 10.39%                      |                               |                             |                             |
| In School Option                   | (5.24%)                     | 8.43%                       |                               |                             |                             |
|                                    |                             |                             |                               | 11                          | Continued                   |

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#### No assurance is provided on the information in management's discussion and analysis.



# Financial Highlights (Continued)

- (1) Effective August 20, 2021, the 2020/2021 Enrollment Option was discontinued, and existing account owner balances were transferred into the In School Option. The returns for the 2020/2021 Enrollment Option are for the period from July 1, 2021 through August 20, 2021 (see previous page).
- (2) Effective August 20, 2021, the 2038/2039 Enrollment Option was added to the Plan as an additional Enrollment Year Investment Option. The returns for the 2038/2039 Enrollment Option are for the period from August 20, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (see previous page).

The Direct Plan received \$17.9 million and \$23.4 million in net subscriptions during the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the Direct Plan experienced a net investment loss of \$125.2 million, resulting from a \$164.5 million decrease in the fair value of investments, which was somewhat offset by \$39.3 million in interest and dividends. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Direct Plan earned \$209.1 million in net investment income, resulting from \$23.8 million in interest and dividends and a \$185.3 million net increase in the fair value of investments.

Direct Plan fees totaled \$2.4 million and \$2.5 million during the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. These fees are calculated on the average net position in each investment option and are paid to the Direct Plan Manager for performing administrative, marketing, and other services with respect to the Direct Plan.

# **Overview of the Basic Financial Statements**

The Direct Plan's basic financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), as applicable to fiduciary funds. Accordingly, the Direct Plan's basic financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting.

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position presents information on the Direct Plan's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as fiduciary net position. The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position presents information showing how the Direct Plan's fiduciary net position changed during the period presented. Changes in fiduciary net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

# No assurance is provided on the information in management's discussion and analysis.



# **Overview of the Basic Financial Statements** (Continued)

The Direct Plan's assets are invested in mutual funds and funding agreements issued by TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company. Mutual funds are reported at fair value, and the funding agreements are reported at cost. All investment transactions are reported on a trade-date basis. Changes in the reported fair value of mutual funds resulting from realized and unrealized gains and losses are reported as "net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments." Dividends and capital gain distributions are reported on the exdividend date. Contributions are recognized when received, provided enrollment in the Direct Plan has been successfully completed, and withdrawals are recognized when the withdrawal request has been received and approved for payment. Direct Plan fees accrue daily.

# **Financial Analysis**

### **Fiduciary Net Position**

The following are condensed Statements of Fiduciary Net Position as of June 30, 2022 and 2021:

|                        | June 30, 2022 |               |    | June 30, 2021 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----|---------------|
| Total Assets           | \$            | 1,104,676,482 | \$ | 1,214,423,988 |
| Total Liabilities      |               | 721,275       |    | 754,652       |
| Fiduciary Net Position | \$            | 1,103,955,207 | \$ | 1,213,669,336 |

Fiduciary net position represents cumulative contributions since the Direct Plan's inception, increased or decreased by net investment income or losses, and decreased by withdrawals and expenses.

The Direct Plan's investments comprise over 99% of the Direct Plan's total assets. Other assets typically consist of receivables from securities sold and cash resulting from contributions that have not yet been invested in accordance with account owners' instructions or withdrawal requests that have not yet been distributed as directed by account owners. Liabilities typically consist of payables for securities purchased, payables for withdrawals, and accrued Direct Plan Manager fees.



### Financial Analysis (Continued)

### **Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

The following are condensed Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

|  | Year Ended               |                      | Year Ended    |                    |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
|  | June 30, 2022            |                      |               | lune 30, 2021      |
| Additions                                  |                          |                      |               |                    |
| Subscriptions <sup>(1)</sup>               | \$                       | 217,974,784          | \$            | 211,178,544        |
| Net investment (loss) income               |                          | <u>(125,178,794)</u> |               | <u>209,138,678</u> |
| Total Additions                            |                          | <u>92,795,990</u>    |               | 420,317,222        |
| Deductions                                 |                          |                      |               |                    |
| Redemptions <sup>(2)</sup>                 |                          | (200,084,098)        |               | (187,783,101)      |
| Direct Plan Manager fee                    |                          | (2,426,021)          |               | (2,529,702)        |
| Total Deductions                           | (202,510,119)            |                      | (190,312,803) |                    |
|  |                          |                      |               |                    |
| (Decrease) Increase in Net Position        |                          | (109,714,129)        |               | 230,004,419        |
| Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year |                          | 1,213,669,336        |               | 983,664,917        |
| Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year       | \$ 1,103,955,207 \$ 1,23 |                      |               | 1,213,669,336      |

<sup>(1)</sup> Subscriptions include contributions, exchanges between investment options, and transfers of account balances from one account to another.

<sup>(2)</sup> Redemptions include withdrawals, exchanges between investment options, and transfers of account balances from one account to another.

#### **Recent Developments**

**Direct Plan Manager Fee Reduction** 

Effective November 1, 2021, the Direct Plan Manager Fee was reduced from 0.25% to 0.20% for all Investment Options (with the exception of the Guaranteed Option, which is not charged a fee).

#### No assurance is provided on the information in management's discussion and analysis.



# **Recent Developments (Continued)**

### Market Uncertainties

The market disruptions associated with current geopolitical events have had a global impact, and uncertainty exists as to their implications. Such disruptions can adversely affect assets and thus performance of the investment options; at this time, an aggregate effect on assets and performance cannot be reasonably estimated. Management is continuing to monitor these developments and evaluate other impacts they may have on the investment options.

No assurance is provided on the information in management's discussion and analysis.



# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2022

| ASSETS                            |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Investments                       | \$<br>1,104,067,827 |
| Cash                              | 398,424             |
| Receivables from securities sold  | <br>210,231         |
| Total Assets                      | <br>1,104,676,482   |
| LIABILITIES                       |                     |
| Accrued Direct Plan Manager fee   | 170,292             |
| Payables for securities purchased | 179,876             |
| Withdrawals payable               | <br>371,107         |
| Total Liabilities                 | <br>721,275         |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR    |                     |
| ACCOUNT OWNERS AND BENEFICIARIES  | \$<br>1,103,955,207 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2022

| ADDITIONS   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Subscriptions   | \$<br>217,974,784   |
| Investment income (loss):   |                     |
| Interest  | 2,617,403           |
| Dividends   | 36,728,307          |
| Net decrease in the fair value of investments   | <br>(164,524,504)   |
| Total net investment loss   | <br>(125,178,794)   |
| Total Additions   | <br>92,795,990      |
| DEDUCTIONS  |                     |
| Redemptions   | 200,084,098         |
| Direct Plan Manager fee   | <br>2,426,021       |
| Total Deductions  | <br>202,510,119     |
| CHANGES IN NET POSITION   | (109,714,129)       |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS AND<br>BENEFICIARIES, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <br>1,213,669,336   |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS AND<br>BENEFICIARIES, END OF YEAR       | \$<br>1,103,955,207 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



# NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan (the Direct Plan) is one of two education savings plans offered under the Oklahoma College Savings Plan (the Program), which was created by the state of Oklahoma (the State) to provide a tax-advantaged way to encourage individuals to save for postsecondary education. The Direct Plan was implemented by and is administered as part of the Program by the Board of Trustees of the Program (the Board). The Board authorizes the types of investment options offered by the Direct Plan. Assets of the Direct Plan are held in trust, and the Board serves as Trustee. The Direct Plan is intended to meet the requirements of a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. (TFI), a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA), and the Board entered into a management agreement under which TFI serves as the Direct Plan Manager (Direct Plan Manager), providing certain services to the Direct Plan. TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC (Services), a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of TIAA, serves as the primary distributor and underwriter for the Direct Plan and provides certain services in furtherance of TFI's marketing efforts for the Direct Plan. Services is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Account owners may invest their contributions in one or more investment options. The Direct Plan offers six Risk-Based Investment Options which allow account owners to choose their own strategy based on their risk tolerance and time horizon. The Plan also offers ten Enrollment Year Investment Options based on the anticipated year of enrollment of the beneficiary in an eligible educational institution. The Enrollment Year Investment Options seek to match their respective risk levels to investment time horizons with asset allocations becoming increasingly more conservative as the beneficiary enrollment year approaches. The investment options, along with underlying asset allocations and fees, as approved by the Board, are described in the current Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan Description and Participation Agreement (the Direct Plan Description).



# NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

Each investment option invests in one or more open-end mutual funds and funding agreements based on an asset allocation strategy approved by the Board. The funding agreements are issued by TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company (TIAA Life), which is an affiliate of TFI, to the Board as policyholder on behalf of the Direct Plan. The funding agreements provide a minimum guaranteed rate of return and allow for the possibility that additional interest may be credited periodically by TIAA Life. Together, the mutual funds and the funding agreements are referred to as "the Underlying Funds."

These basic financial statements present only the balances and transactions attributable to the Direct Plan, and do not include any balances or transactions attributable to the other education savings plan offered under the Program. As such, these basic financial statements are not intended to, and do not, present fairly the financial position or changes in financial position of the Program.

# NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# (a) Basis of Accounting

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) applicable to fiduciary fund types prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Direct Plan's basic financial statements are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. U.S. GAAP requires the use of estimates made by management and the evaluation of subsequent events. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

# (b) Investment Valuation

Accounting standards categorize fair value measurements according to a hierarchy that is based on valuation inputs used to measure fair value. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that can be accessed at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and may include subjective assumptions in determining the fair value of investments.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly,



# NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# (b) Investment Valuation (Continued)

the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The mutual funds in which the Direct Plan invests are reported at fair value, based on the net asset value per share at the close of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). These mutual funds are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The funding agreements are non-participating, interest-earning investment contracts and are accounted for at cost. Because the funding agreements are valued at cost, they are not categorized according to the fair value hierarchy.

# (c) Investment Transactions

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividend income and capital gain distributions from the mutual funds are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) are included in "net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments."

# (d) Cash

Cash includes contributions received that have not yet been invested in Underlying Funds and/or redemption proceeds from Underlying Funds for withdrawals that have not yet been distributed in accordance with account owners' instructions. Cash deposits are covered up to applicable limits of insurance available through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Deposits in excess of FDIC limits are not collateralized or subject to supplemental insurance.

# (e) Subscriptions

Subscriptions include contributions to the Direct Plan, as well as exchanges between investment options and transfers between one beneficiary to another or from one account owner to another that result in a reinvestment of assets. Subscriptions result in the issuance of units to account owners. These units are municipal fund securities and are not a direct investment in any mutual fund or the funding agreements. In addition, these units are not insured by the FDIC, the State, or the Board, nor have they been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any commission of the State.



# NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# (f) Redemptions

Redemptions include withdrawals from the Direct Plan directed by account owners, as well as exchanges between investment options and transfers between one beneficiary to another or from one account owner to another that result in a redemption and subsequent reinvestment of assets.

# (g) Income Taxes

The Direct Plan is designed to constitute a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Code and is exempt from federal and state income tax. The Direct Plan has not engaged in any activities that would subject the Direct Plan to unrelated business income tax.

# (h) Unit Value

The beneficial interests attributable to each account owner in the investment options are represented by Direct Plan units. Subscriptions and redemptions are recorded upon receipt of account owners' instructions in good order, based on the next determined net asset value per unit (Unit Value), as defined in the current Direct Plan Description. Unit Values for each investment option are determined at the close of business of the NYSE. The Unit Value of each investment option is computed by dividing the investment option's assets minus its liabilities by the number of outstanding units of such investment option. There are no distributions of interest, dividends, or net investment income or losses directly to account owners or beneficiaries. Interest, dividends, and net investment income (losses) resulting from the Underlying Funds are reflected as increases (decreases) in the Unit Value.

# (i) Guarantees and Indemnifications

Under the Direct Plan's organizational documents, each officer, employee, or other agent of the Direct Plan (including TFI) is indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Direct Plan. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Direct Plan enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Direct Plan's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Direct Plan that have not yet occurred. However, the Direct Plan has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts, and management of the Direct Plan expects the risk of loss to be remote.



#### NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS

### (a) Investments by Type

At June 30, 2022, the Direct Plan's investments consist of the following:

|  | Units      | Cost             | Value            |
|--|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Mutual Funds (at fair value):                |            |                  |                  |
| TIAA-CREF Equity Index Fund                  | 13,217,739 | \$ 297,595,082   | \$ 356,746,763   |
| TIAA-CREF International Equity Index Fund    | 5,703,157  | 99,441,301       | 105,679,494      |
| TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund | 1,929,159  | 20,021,688       | 20,179,001       |
| TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities Fund        | 1,810,978  | 29,093,851       | 32,869,255       |
| TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund                    | 15,687,811 | 179,370,770      | 155,152,449      |
| TIAA-CREF Inflation-Linked Bond Fund         | 4,283,662  | 50,815,208       | 47,848,500       |
| TIAA-CREF High-Yield Fund                    | 4,265,703  | 37,676,937       | 34,552,197       |
| TIAA-CREF Short-Term Bond Index Fund         | 5,212,371  | 52,850,490       | 50,195,132       |
| TIAA-CREF Growth & Income Fund               | 2,640,595  | 37,598,917       | 34,882,259       |
| TIAA-CREF Mid-Cap Growth Fund                | 142,622    | 3,059,885        | 2,271,966        |
| TIAA-CREF Mid-Cap Value Fund                 | 157,582    | 2,205,044        | 2,562,283        |
| TIAA-CREF Quant Small-Cap Equity Fund        | 272,320    | 3,884,922        | 4,090,249        |
| TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Fund       | 1,966,386  | 20,291,243       | 14,826,549       |
| Total Mutual Funds                           |            | 833,905,338      | 861,856,097      |
| Funding Agreements (at cost):                |            |                  |                  |
| TIAA-CREF Life Funding Agreements            | N/A        | 242,211,730      | 242,211,730      |
| Total Investments                            |            | \$ 1,076,117,068 | \$ 1,104,067,827 |

# (b) Funding Agreements

Assets of certain investment options are invested in funding agreements issued by TIAA Life. While account owners may withdraw their funds from the investment options at any time, there are certain restrictions on withdrawals that may be made from the funding agreements.

As policyholder, the Board may withdraw interest quarterly, provided that notice of intent to withdraw is given not more than 10 days nor less than 5 days prior to the end of the quarter.



# NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)

# (b) Funding Agreements (Continued)

In the event that the funding agreements are terminated, the Board is limited on the amount of withdrawals that may be requested at any one point in time. Withdrawal requests initiated by the Board totaling more than \$1 million over a 30-day period that are not intended to satisfy account owner withdrawal requests will be paid out over a five-year period, as follows: 20% of the remaining balance will be paid 30 days after the written request is received by TIAA Life, and 25%, 33%, 50%, and 100% of the remaining balance, including accumulated interest, will be paid on each of the four anniversaries of the date the request was received.

The crediting rate on the funding agreements from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 is 1.10%.

# (c) Investment Risk

The mutual funds in which the Direct Plan invests include various types of investment securities in their asset holdings, such as corporate debt and equity securities, obligations of the United States government and government agencies, and international securities. These securities are exposed to interest rate, market, and credit risk, and it is at least reasonably possible that changes in their fair values could occur in the near term, materially affecting account owner balances and the amounts reported in the Direct Plan's basic financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires that certain disclosures be made related to the Direct Plan's investment policy and exposure to credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk, which are included in the paragraphs that follow.

# Investment Policy

The Direct Plan does not have specific investment policies that address credit, interest rate, foreign currency, or custodial credit risk. The Direct Plan's investment options are managed based on specific investment objectives and strategies, which are disclosed in the current Direct Plan Description and related supplements.

# Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk represents the potential inability of a custodian to return Direct Plan investments in the event of a failure. Mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risk.



# NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)

# (c) Investment Risk (Continued)

### Credit Risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of the issuer to make timely payments of interest and principal. The mutual funds investing primarily in fixed income securities are subject to credit risk. The mutual funds in which the Direct Plan invests are not rated as to credit quality by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The funding agreements are a guaranteed insurance product issued by TIAA Life. While the funding agreements themselves are not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, TIAA Life has a Standard & Poor's credit rating of AA+ at June 30, 2022.

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk represents the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Mutual funds that invest in fixed income securities indirectly expose the Direct Plan to interest rate risk. As of June 30, 2022, the fair values and the weighted average maturities for the bond funds in which the Direct Plan invests are as follows:

|                                      |                      | Weighted  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
|                                      | <br>Fair Value Avera |           |
| TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund            | \$<br>155,152,449    | 8.7 years |
| TIAA-CREF Inflation-Linked Bond Fund | \$<br>47,848,500     | 4.8 years |
| TIAA-CREF High-Yield Fund            | \$<br>34,552,197     | 6.3 years |
| TIAA-CREF Short-Term Bond Index Fund | \$<br>50,195,132     | 2.0 years |

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Direct Plan does not have any direct investment in foreign securities; however, certain investment options invest in mutual funds that are exposed to foreign currency risk.



# NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)

# (c) Investment Risk (Continued)

Foreign Currency Risk (Continued)

At June 30, 2022, the fair values of investments in mutual funds that invest significantly in foreign securities are as follows:

|  | Fair Value |             |
|--|------------|-------------|
| TIAA-CREF International Equity Index Fund    | \$         | 105,679,494 |
| TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund | \$         | 20,179,001  |
| TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Fund       | \$         | 14,826,549  |

## NOTE 4: SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

As explained in Note 2(e) and Note 2(f), subscriptions and redemptions include contributions to the Direct Plan and withdrawals from the Direct Plan as directed by account owners, respectively, as well as exchanges between investment options and transfers between one beneficiary to another or from one account owner to another that result in a reinvestment of assets. Total subscriptions and redemptions during the year ended June 30, 2022 are as follows:

| Contributions<br>Exchanges and transfers in | \$ 134,826,174<br>83,148,610 |
|---|------------------------------|
|   |                              |
| Total subscriptions                         | \$ 217,974,784               |
| Withdrawals                                 | \$ 116,935,488               |
| Exchanges and transfers out                 | 83,148,610                   |
| Total redemptions                           | <u>\$ 200,084,098</u>        |



### NOTE 5: DIRECT PLAN FEES AND UNDERLYING FUND EXPENSES

### (a) Direct Plan Fees

Each investment option (with the exception of the Guaranteed Option, which is not charged a fee) pays to the Direct Plan Manager as compensation for performing duties specified in the management agreement. Through October 31, 2021, the Direct Plan Manager fee was 0.25% of the average daily net position held in each investment option. Effective November 1, 2021, the Direct Plan Manager fee was reduced to 0.20%.

The Direct Plan Manager fee is reflected as an expense on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

The Board reserves the right to change the fees and/or to impose additional fees in the future.

# (b) Underlying Fund Expenses

Expenses related to management of the Underlying Funds reduce the amount of income available for distribution to the Direct Plan. These Underlying Fund expenses are not direct expenses paid from the Direct Plan's assets, and therefore, are not reflected in expenses on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

#### NOTE 6: MARKET UNCERTAINTIES

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact both domestic and global financial markets. Management of the Plan is unable to accurately predict how the COVID-19 pandemic will impact the Direct Plan, account owner savings behavior, or the volume of withdrawals due to uncertainties surrounding the severity of the disease and the duration of its outbreak.

The market disruptions associated with current geopolitical events have had a global impact, and uncertainty exists as to their implications. Such disruptions can adversely affect assets and thus performance of the investment options; at this time, an aggregate effect on assets and performance cannot be reasonably estimated. Management is continuing to monitor these developments and evaluate other impacts they may have on the investment options.

#### NOTE 7: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Effective August 29, 2022, the Program's name changed to Oklahoma 529.

# **Supplementary Information**

The following supplementary information, which summarizes balances and transactions related to each investment option, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan.



# STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2022

|  | Enrollment Year Investment Options |   |  |  |   |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|  | 2038/2039<br>Enrollment            | 2036/2037<br>Enrollment                   | 2034/2035<br>Enrollment                              | 2032/2033<br>Enrollment                  | 2030/2031<br>Enrollment                         |
| ASSETS   | Option                             | Option                                    | Option   | Option                                   | Option  |
| Assers<br>Investments<br>Cash (cash overdraft)<br>Receivables from securities sold<br>Total Assets               | \$ 3,893,818<br>10,721<br>         | \$ 27,203,515<br>20,086<br><br>27,223,601 | \$ 31,830,471<br>(1,229)<br><u>877</u><br>31,830,119 | \$ 44,171,053<br>25,819<br>              | \$ 55,476,715<br>23,100<br>                     |
| LIABILITIES  |                                    |   |  | : .,                                     |   |
| Accrued Direct Plan Manager fee<br>Payables for securities purchased<br>Withdrawals payable<br>Total Liabilities | 621<br>11,596<br><br>              | 4,557<br>12,842<br><u>500</u><br>17,899   | 5,333<br>-<br>                                       | 7,398<br>9,438<br><u>1,962</u><br>18,798 | 9,261<br>8,613<br><u>1,065</u><br><u>18,939</u> |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS<br>AND BENEFICIARIES   | \$ 3,892,322                       | \$ 27,205,702                             | \$ 31,816,064  | \$ 44,178,074                            | \$ 55,480,876                                   |
| UNITS OUTSTANDING <sup>(1)</sup>   | 455,242                            | 2,250,265                                 | 2,642,530  | 3,724,964                                | 4,774,602                                       |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT <sup>(2)</sup>  | <u>\$ 8.55</u>                     | \$ 12.09                                  | \$ 12.04   | \$ 11.86                                 | \$ 11.62  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole unit.

<sup>(2)</sup> Rounded to the nearest hundredth.

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# STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2022

|   | Enrollment Year Investment Options |                                   |                                   |                                   |                  |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2028/2029<br>Enrollment<br>Option  | 2026/2027<br>Enrollment<br>Option | 2024/2025<br>Enrollment<br>Option | 2022/2023<br>Enrollment<br>Option | In School Option |
| ASSETS  |                                    |                                   |                                   |                                   |                  |
| Investments                                   | \$ 68,371,789                      | \$ 71,451,294                     | \$ 84,769,708                     | \$ 97,379,825                     | \$ 189,446,732   |
| Cash (cash overdraft)                         | 27,142                             | 63,881                            | 4,260                             | (5 <i>,</i> 490)                  | 194,920          |
| Receivables from securities sold              |                                    |                                   |                                   |                                   | 48,789           |
| Total Assets                                  | 68,398,931                         | 71,515,175                        | 84,773,968                        | 97,374,335                        | 189,690,441      |
| LIABILITIES                                   |                                    |                                   |                                   |                                   |                  |
| Accrued Direct Plan Manager fee               | 11,427                             | 11,905                            | 14,086                            | 16,128                            | 31,517           |
| Payables for securities purchased             | 827                                | 40,332                            | 8,300                             | 12,117                            | -                |
| Withdrawals payable                           | 11,363                             | 6,568                             | 2,995                             | 6,852                             | 185,108          |
| Total Liabilities                             | 23,617                             | 58,805                            | 25,381                            | 35,097                            | 216,625          |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS |                                    |                                   |                                   |                                   |                  |
| AND BENEFICIARIES                             | \$ 68,375,314                      | \$ 71,456,370                     | \$ 84,748,587                     | \$ 97,339,238                     | \$ 189,473,816   |
| UNITS OUTSTANDING <sup>(1)</sup>              | 6,008,376                          | 6,368,660                         | 7,635,008                         | 8,777,208                         | 18,079,563       |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 11.38                           | \$ 11.22                          | \$ 11.10                          | \$ 11.09                          | \$ 10.48         |

<sup>(1)</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole unit.

<sup>(2)</sup> Rounded to the nearest hundredth.



# STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2022

|   | U.S. Equity<br>Index Option | Global Equity<br>Index Option | Diversified<br>Equity Option | Balanced Option | Fixed Income<br>Option | Guaranteed<br>Option | Plan Total       |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS  |                             |                               |                              |                 |                        |                      |                  |
| Investments                                   | \$ 107,070,200              | \$ 118,631,685                | \$ 50,790,090                | \$ 52,813,898   | \$ 13,130,073          | \$ 87,636,961        | \$ 1,104,067,827 |
| Cash (cash overdraft)                         | 8,153                       | 54,941                        | (93,546)                     | (46,330)        | (8,350)                | 120,346              | 398,424          |
| Receivables from securities sold              | -                           | -                             | 100,045                      | 46,464          | 14,056                 |                      | 210,231          |
| Total Assets                                  | 107,078,353                 | 118,686,626                   | 50,796,589                   | 52,814,032      | 13,135,779             | 87,757,307           | 1,104,676,482    |
| LIABILITIES                                   |                             |                               |                              |                 |                        |                      |                  |
| Accrued Direct Plan Manager fee               | 18,137                      | 20,193                        | 8,640                        | 8,907           | 2,182                  | -                    | 170,292          |
| Payables for securities purchased             | 6,554                       | 15,370                        | -                            | -               | -                      | 53,887               | 179,876          |
| Withdrawals payable                           | 8,574                       | 46,751                        | 3,906                        | 4,673           | 7,811                  | 74,257               | 371,107          |
| Total Liabilities                             | 33,265                      | 82,314                        | 12,546                       | 13,580          | 9,993                  | 128,144              | 721,275          |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS |                             |                               |                              |                 |                        |                      |                  |
| AND BENEFICIARIES                             | \$ 107,045,088              | \$ 118,604,312                | \$ 50,784,043                | \$ 52,800,452   | <u>\$ 13,125,786</u>   | <u>\$ 87,629,163</u> | \$ 1,103,955,207 |
| UNITS OUTSTANDING <sup>(1)</sup>              | 2,781,837                   | 3,650,487                     | 1,884,380                    | 2,270,011       | 823,450                | 5,269,342            |                  |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 38.48                    | \$ 32.49                      | \$ 26.95                     | \$ 23.26        | \$ 15.94               | \$ 16.63             |                  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole unit.

<sup>(2)</sup> Rounded to the nearest hundredth.



# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2022

|   | Enrollment Year Investment Options |                      |               |               |                                   |  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
|   | 2038/2039                          | 2036/2037            | 2034/2035     | 2032/2033     | 2030/2031<br>Enrollment<br>Option |  |  |
|   | Enrollment                         | Enrollment           | Enrollment    | Enrollment    |                                   |  |  |
|   | Option                             | Option               | Option        | Option        |                                   |  |  |
| ADDITIONS   |                                    |                      |               |               |                                   |  |  |
| Subscriptions   | \$ 4,733,005                       | \$ 11,027,472        | \$ 7,795,450  | \$ 8,466,425  | \$ 9,524,262                      |  |  |
| Net investment income (loss)  | (578,762)                          | (4,232,120)          | (4,688,177)   | (6,154,107)   | (7,325,654)                       |  |  |
| Total Additions   | 4,154,243                          | 6,795,352            | 3,107,273     | 2,312,318     | 2,198,608                         |  |  |
| DEDUCTIONS  |                                    |                      |               |               |                                   |  |  |
| Redemptions   | 258,582                            | 1,095,586            | 1,667,129     | 2,030,699     | 2,669,145                         |  |  |
| Direct Plan Manager fee   | 3,339                              | 56,900               | 70,766        | 100,591       | 127,294                           |  |  |
| Total Deductions  | 261,921                            | 1,152,486            | 1,737,895     | 2,131,290     | 2,796,439                         |  |  |
| INVESTMENT OPTION CONVERSION IN (OUT)   |                                    |                      |               |               |                                   |  |  |
| CHANGE IN NET POSITION  | 3,892,322                          | 5,642,866            | 1,369,378     | 181,028       | (597,831)                         |  |  |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS<br>AND BENEFICIARIES, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u> </u>                           | 21,562,836           | 30,446,686    | 43,997,046    | 56,078,707                        |  |  |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS<br>AND BENEFICIARIES, END OF YEAR       | \$ 3,892,322                       | <u>\$ 27,205,702</u> | \$ 31,816,064 | \$ 44,178,074 | <u>\$ 55,480,876</u>              |  |  |

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# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2022

|   | Enrollment Year Investment Options |               |               |                      |               |                       |  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|   | 2028/2029                          | 2026/2027     | 2024/2025     | 024/2025 2022/2023   |               |                       |  |  |
|   | Enrollment                         | Enrollment    | Enrollment    | Enrollment           | Enrollment    | In School Option      |  |  |
|   | Option                             | Option        | Option        | Option               | Option        |                       |  |  |
| ADDITIONS                                     |                                    |               |               |                      |               |                       |  |  |
| Subscriptions                                 | \$ 10,090,233                      | \$ 10,725,977 | \$ 11,772,270 | \$ 12,248,898        | \$ 1,632,998  | \$ 27,999,135         |  |  |
| Net investment income (loss)                  | (8,695,781)                        | (8,457,577)   | (8,525,573)   | <u>(6,704,383)</u>   | 562,220       | <u>(10,479,996)</u>   |  |  |
| Total Additions                               | 1,394,452                          | 2,268,400     | 3,246,697     | 5,544,515            | 2,195,218     | 17,519,139            |  |  |
| DEDUCTIONS                                    |                                    |               |               |                      |               |                       |  |  |
| Redemptions                                   | 4,001,551                          | 4,222,822     | 4,956,156     | 7,453,180            | 6,401,135     | 65,779,054            |  |  |
| Direct Plan Manager fee                       | 159,193                            | 164,505       | 193,148       | 218,612              | 22,052        | 446,405               |  |  |
| Total Deductions                              | 4,160,744                          | 4,387,327     | 5,149,304     | 7,671,792            | 6,423,187     | 66,225,459            |  |  |
| INVESTMENT OPTION CONVERSION IN (OUT)         |                                    |               |               |                      | (99,908,726)  | 99,908,726            |  |  |
| CHANGE IN NET POSITION                        | (2,766,292)                        | (2,118,927)   | (1,902,607)   | (2,127,277)          | (104,136,695) | 51,202,406            |  |  |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS |                                    |               |               |                      |               |                       |  |  |
| AND BENEFICIARIES, BEGINNING OF YEAR          | 71,141,606                         | 73,575,297    | 86,651,194    | 99,466,515           | 104,136,695   | 138,271,410           |  |  |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS |                                    |               |               |                      |               |                       |  |  |
| AND BENEFICIARIES, END OF YEAR                | <u>\$ 68,375,314</u>               | \$ 71,456,370 | \$ 84,748,587 | <u>\$ 97,339,238</u> | <u>\$</u> -   | <u>\$ 189,473,816</u> |  |  |



# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2022

|   | Risk-Based Investment Options |                               |                              |                      |                        |                      |                |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|   | U.S. Equity<br>Index Option   | Global Equity<br>Index Option | Diversified<br>Equity Option | Balanced Option      | Fixed Income<br>Option | Guaranteed<br>Option | Plan Total     |
| ADDITIONS   | ¢ 20.424.222                  | 6 45 400 45A                  | ¢ 42.462.446                 | 6 40 405 <b>7</b> 00 | 6 F 4F 4 7F 6          | ¢ 20 674 270         | ¢ 047 074 704  |
| Subscriptions   | \$ 28,131,232                 | \$ 15,433,154                 | \$ 12,162,416                | \$ 10,105,722        | \$ 5,454,756           | \$ 30,671,379        | \$ 217,974,784 |
| Net investment income (loss)  | (17,405,460)                  | (22,484,161)                  | (10,672,889)                 | (8,935,771)          | (1,336,335)            | 935,732              | (125,178,794)  |
| Total Additions   | 10,725,772                    | (7,051,007)                   | 1,489,527                    | 1,169,951            | 4,118,421              | 31,607,111           | 92,795,990     |
| DEDUCTIONS  |                               |                               |                              |                      |                        |                      |                |
| Redemptions   | 17,255,519                    | 25,177,295                    | 9,762,941                    | 9,702,210            | 5,835,772              | 31,815,322           | 200,084,098    |
| Direct Plan Manager fee   | 259,236                       | 312,756                       | 128,012                      | 131,646              | 31,566                 |                      | 2,426,021      |
| Total Deductions  | 17,514,755                    | 25,490,051                    | 9,890,953                    | 9,833,856            | 5,867,338              | 31,815,322           | 202,510,119    |
| INVESTMENT OPTION CONVERSION IN (OUT)   |                               |                               |                              |                      |                        |                      |                |
| CHANGE IN NET POSITION  | (6,788,983)                   | (32,541,058)                  | (8,401,426)                  | (8,663,905)          | (1,748,917)            | (208,211)            | (109,714,129)  |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS<br>AND BENEFICIARIES, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 113,834,071                   | 151,145,370                   | 59,185,469                   | 61,464,357           | 14,874,703             | 87,837,374           | 1,213,669,336  |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNT OWNERS<br>AND BENEFICIARIES, END OF YEAR       | \$ 107,045,088                | \$ 118,604,312                | \$ 50,784,043                | \$ 52,800,452        | \$ 13,125,786          | \$ 87,629,163        | 1,103,955,207  |



## Report of Independent Auditors 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*

To the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the "basic financial statements"), and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2022.

# **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan 's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan '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 entity'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 such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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.

# **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan'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 Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan'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 Oklahoma College Savings Plan – Direct Plan's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Charlotte, NC August 31, 2022