

**ACADEMY FOR INTEGRATED ARTS  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD**

**June 30, 2023**



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December 5, 2023

Board of Directors  
Academy for Integrated Arts  
Kansas City, Missouri

We have audited the financial statements of Academy for Integrated Arts (the “Academy”) for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

### **Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance**

As stated in our engagement letter dated June 13, 2023, 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 modified cash basis of accounting. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Academy’s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. We also considered internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy’s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have had a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit. Also, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, we examined, on a test basis, evidence about the Academy’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* applicable to each of its major federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the Academy’s compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on the Academy’s compliance with those requirements.

Our responsibility for the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, and Other**

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

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of the Academy 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 Academy or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Academy. We did not note any significant findings or any internal control-related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to Tricia DeGraff about planning matters. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit:

**Significant Audit Findings*****Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Academy are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2023.

As further described in Note 3, the Academy did not consolidate the account activity of AFIA Holding Company or Academy for Integrated Arts Supporting Foundation in 2023. The prior year's financial statements also excluded these entities. Based on the majority voting interest by members of the Academy's Board of Directors on the Board of Directors for each of these entities, the Academy should consolidate the financial statements for all related entities. Accordingly, the opinion on the financial statements has been modified with a qualification.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Academy 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 statements 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 useful lives of capital assets.

Management's estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets is based on the guidance of the IRS for classification of the asset's life and the expected period before disposal or sale. Management's estimate of the allocation of functional expenses is based on the identification of specific expenses as well as an estimate of the time spent on each function. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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

## **Significant Audit Matters** (continued)

### *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. We did not detect any misstatements as a result of audit procedures.

### *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 dated December 5, 2023.

### *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 governmental unit'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 governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

## **Other Matters**

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with modified cash basis of accounting, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to be financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors charged with governance and management of Academy for Integrated Arts and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.



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