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March 30, 2022

Board of Commissioners  
Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

Dear Members of the Board of Commissioners:

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (the "Commission") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("generally accepted auditing standards") and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2022.

We have prepared the following comments to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to oversee the financial reporting and disclosure process for which management of the Commission is responsible.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Commissioners, and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Cc: To Management of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Our responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, has been described in our engagement letter dated November 12, 2021. As described in that letter, the objective of a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with the aforementioned standards is to:

- Express an opinion on the fairness of the Commission’s financial statements and the accompanying supplementary information, and to disclaim an opinion on the required supplementary information for the year ended September 30, 2021, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“generally accepted accounting principles”), in all material respects;
- Express an opinion on whether the supplementary information that accompanies the financial statements is presented fairly, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole; and
- Report on the Commission’s internal control over financial reporting and on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters for the year ended September 30, 2021, based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*.

Our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards include forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared with the oversight of management and the Board of Commissioners are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or the Board of Commissioners of their responsibilities.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether caused by fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we considered internal control over financial reporting relevant to the Commission’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that were appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission’s internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

## ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s current judgments. Those judgments are ordinarily based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and on assumptions about future events. Significant accounting estimates reflected in the Commission’s 2021 financial statements include management’s estimate of the allowance for uncollectible accounts, which is determined based upon past collection experience and aging of the accounts. During the year ended September 30, 2021, we are not aware of any significant changes in accounting estimates or in management’s judgments relating to such estimates.

## **MATERIAL CORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS**

Our audit of the financial statements was designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. Material misstatements were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures and were corrected by management during the current period. We have attached to this letter, as Attachment I, a summary of misstatements corrected by management.

## **UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS**

Our audit of the financial statements was designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. We have attached to this letter, as Appendix A to Attachment II, a summary of uncorrected misstatements that we presented to management during the current audit engagement that were determined to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying these uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even if we have concluded that the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021.

## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Commission's significant accounting policies are set forth in Note 2 to the Commission's 2021 financial statements. During the year ended September 30, 2021, there were no significant changes in previously adopted accounting policies or their application.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Commission implemented the following pronouncements:

- GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which improves guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported.
- GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 61*, which improves the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and improves the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units.
- GASB Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, which establishes accounting and reporting requirements related to the replacement of Interbank Offered Rates such as the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for hedging derivative instruments. The provision removing LIBOR as an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the evaluation of the effectiveness of derivative instruments is effective for the year ended September 30, 2022.

The implementation of these statements did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Commission.

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and as inflows of resources or outflows of resources recognized based on the payment provisions of the contract. Management believes that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, GASB Statement No. 87 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

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**SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

In May 2019, GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, GASB Statement No. 91 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

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In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The primary objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements. This statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 94 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 96 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

In June 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. GASB Statement No. 97 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.



## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

In October 2021, GASB issued Statement No. 98, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. This Statement establishes the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 98 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

We have evaluated the significant qualitative aspects of the Commission's accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures and concluded that the policies are appropriate, adequately disclosed, and consistently applied by management.

## **DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT**

We have not had any disagreements with management related to matters that are material to the Commission's 2021 financial statements.

## **OUR VIEWS ABOUT SIGNIFICANT MATTERS THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ACCOUNTANTS**

We are not aware of any consultations that management may have had with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters during 2021.

## **SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OR ISSUES DISCUSSED, OR SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE, WITH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO OUR RETENTION**

Throughout the year, routine discussions were held, or were the subject of correspondence, with management regarding the application of accounting principles or auditing standards in connection with transactions that have occurred, transactions that are contemplated, or reassessment of current circumstances. In our judgment, such discussions or correspondence were not held in connection with our retention as auditors.

## **OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OR ISSUES ARISING FROM THE AUDIT DISCUSSED, OR SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE, WITH MANAGEMENT**

Throughout the year, routine discussions were held, or were the subject of correspondence, with management. In our judgment, such discussions or correspondence did not involve significant issues requiring communication to the Board of Commissioners.

## **SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT**

In our judgment, we received the full cooperation of the Commission's management and staff and had unrestricted access to the Commission's senior management in the performance of our audit.

## **MANAGEMENT'S REPRESENTATIONS**

We have made specific inquiries of the Commission's management about the representations embodied in the financial statements. Additionally, we have requested that management provide to us the written representations the Commission is required to provide to its independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards. We have attached to this letter, as Attachment II, a copy of the representation letter we obtained from management.

## **EMPHASIS-OF-MATTER PARAGRAPH**

### *Reporting Entity*

The financial statements relate solely to those accounting records maintained by the Commission, and do not incorporate any accounts related to other departments or agencies within GovGuam.



**EMPHASIS-OF-MATTER PARAGRAPH, CONTINUED**

The proposed wording of the emphasis-of-matter paragraph follows:

*Reporting Entity*

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements referred to above present only the Commission and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Government of Guam in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**CONTROL-RELATED MATTERS**

We have issued a separate report to you, also dated March 30, 2022, involving the Commission’s internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and on its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters were reported. Although we have included management’s written responses to our comments, such responses have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the appropriateness of the responses or the effectiveness of any corrective actions described therein.

We have communicated to management, in a separate letter also dated March 30, 2022, certain deficiencies and other matters related to the Commission’s internal control over financial reporting.

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**GALC**  
**Summary of Corrected Misstatements**  
**September 30, 2021**

**Land Bank Trust Fund:**

#	Name	Debit	Credit
<b>1 AJE To correct accrued interest on TCDs</b>			
1102	Accrued Interest Receivable	111,069.72	
2200.08DT	Deferred Revenue - TCD Accrued Interest	238,329.40	
8003	Interest Income		349,399.12
	<i>To correct accrued receivables on TCDs</i>	<u>349,399.12</u>	<u>349,399.12</u>
<b>2 AJE To correct interest receivable from NM</b>			
1100.10DT	Accounts Receivable - NM Interest on Deferred Payments	87,579.55	
2200.03DT	Deferred Revenue - NM		87,579.55
	<i>To correct interest receivable - NM deferred payments</i>	<u>87,579.55</u>	<u>87,579.55</u>
<b>3 AJE To correct AR, Deferred and base rent</b>			
2200	Deferred Revenue	6,653.15	
1100	Accounts Receivable	13,892.08	
1101	Accounts Receivable:Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		11,465.88
8115DT	Miscellaneous Expenditures		17,794.91
2200.09DT	Deferred Revenue - GEDA	6,864.00	
8000	Base Rent	1,851.56	
	<i>To correct AR, Deferred revenues and base rent.</i>	<u>29,260.79</u>	<u>29,260.79</u>
<b>4 AJE To correct AT&amp;T base rent</b>			
1104DT	Due from SID Fund	117,954.50	
8000	Base Rent		137,636.52
2400	Due to GEDA	19,682.02	
	<i>To correct AT&amp;T base rent</i>	<u>137,636.52</u>	<u>137,636.52</u>
<b>5 AJE To correct NM receivable allowance</b>			
2200	Deferred Revenue	1,783,259.90	
1101	Accounts Receivable:Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		1,783,259.90
	<i>To correct NM receivable allowance</i>	<u>1,783,259.90</u>	<u>1,783,259.90</u>
<b>6 AJE To correct prepaid assets and miscellaneous expenditures</b>			
8115DT	Miscellaneous Expenditures	68,072.97	
1400	Prepayments		40,209.00
2400	Due to GEDA		27,863.97
	<i>To correct prepayments and miscellaneous expenditures</i>	<u>68,072.97</u>	<u>68,072.97</u>

GALC  
Summary of Corrected Misstatements  
September 30, 2021

Ancestral Lands Operations Fund:

#	Name	Debit	Credit
	<b>1 AJE To correct appropriation</b>		
8103	Contractual Services	8,816.45	
1200	Interfund Receivable		7,429.08
8001DT	Compact Impact Fund - APP		1,387.37
	<i>To correct appropriations and transfer in for FY2021.</i>	<u>8,816.45</u>	<u>8,816.45</u>

Survey, Infrastructure and Development Fund:

#	Name	Debit	Credit
	<b>1 AJE To correct AT&amp;T base rent</b>		
8000	Base Rent	137,636.52	
1104DT	Due to Land Bank Trust Fund		117,954.50
8110	GEDA Management Fees		19,682.02
	<i>To correct AT&amp;T base rent</i>	<u>137,636.52</u>	<u>137,636.52</u>

Signed:   
John Burch - GALC Executive Director

Signed:   
Joseph B. Cruz Jr. - Designated Program Coordinator (CLTC)

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**ATTACHMENT II**



**JOHN T. BURCH**  
Executive Director

March 30, 2022

Deloitte & Touche LLP  
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We are providing this letter in connection with your audits of the balance sheets of the Guam Ancestral Land Commission (GALC), a governmental fund of the Government of Guam (GovGuam), as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the years then ended, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the GALC in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

We confirm that we are responsible for the following:

- a. The preparation and fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position of the GALC in accordance with GAAP.
- b. The fair presentation of additional information accompanying the financial statements that is presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the financial statements.
- c. 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
  - To prevent and detect fraud.
- d. The review and approval of the financial statements and related notes and acknowledge your role in the preparation of this information. Specifically, we acknowledge that your role in the preparation of the financial statements was a matter of convenience rather than one of necessity. We have reviewed the financial statement preparation assistance provided by you and acknowledge that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our review was based on the use of the financial statement disclosure checklist for stand-alone business-type activities obtained from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audits.



1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in accordance with GAAP. In addition:
  - a. The GALC does not have an equity interest in joint ventures or an interest in any other joint ventures and other related organizations. Such financial statements present only the GALC and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of GovGuam in accordance with GAAP.
  - b. Deposits are properly classified in the category of custodial credit risk.
  - c. Interfund, internal, and intra-government activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
  - d. Required supplementary information is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
  - e. Applicable laws and regulations are followed in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
  - f. The GALC has followed GASB Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (“GASB Codification”) Section 1800.178 regarding which resources (restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent for expenditures to determine the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
  - g. Fund balance restrictions, commitments, and assignments are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
  - h. Other supplementary information is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
2. The GALC has provided to you all relevant information and access as agreed in the terms of the audit engagement letter.
3. The GALC has made available to you:
  - a. All minutes of meetings of the Board of Commissioners or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared. For those minutes of meetings or summaries of actions of recent meetings that have not been prepared and made available to you, no matters were discussed in these meetings that would require adjust to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
  - b. All financial records and related data for all financial transactions of the GALC and for all funds administered by the GALC. The records, books, and accounts, as provided to you, record the financial and fiscal operations of all funds administered by the GALC and provide the audit trail to be used in a review of accountability. Information presented in financial reports is supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
  - c. Contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence that has taken place with federal agencies.



4. There has been no:
  - a. Action taken by the GALC management that contravenes the provisions of federal laws and Guam laws and regulations, or of contracts and grants applicable to the GALC.
  - b. Communication from other regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices or other matters that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
5. We believe the effects of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements aggregated by you during the current audit engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. A summary of such uncorrected misstatements has been attached as Appendix A.
6. The GALC has not performed a formal risk assessment, including the assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. However, management has made available to you their understanding about the risks of fraud in the GALC and do not believe that the financial statements are materially misstated as a result of fraud.
7. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the GALC involving:
  - a. Management.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in the GALC's internal control.
  - c. Others, where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
8. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the GALC's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
9. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that legal counsel has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C50, *Claims and Judgments* except as disclosed in note 8 to the financial statements.
10. The methods, significant assumptions, and the data used by us in making the accounting estimates and the related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is in accordance with GAAP.
11. We are responsible for compliance with local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of grants and contracts relating to the GALC's operations. We are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of the federal statutes and regulations. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining the components of internal control relating to our activities in order to achieve the objectives of providing reliable financial reports, effective and efficient operations, and compliance with laws and regulations. We are responsible for maintaining accounting and administrative control over revenues, obligations, expenditures, assets, and liabilities.
12. We have informed you of all investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated during the year ended September 30, 2021 or are in process as of September 30, 2021.

13. We are responsible for all nonaudit services performed by you during the year ended September 30, 2021 and through March 30, 2022.
14. We have disclosed to you all deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting identified as part of our evaluation, including separately disclosing to you all such deficiencies that are significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting.
15. No changes in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control over financial reporting, including any corrective actions taken by the GALC with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, have occurred subsequent to September 30, 2021.
16. We are responsible for taking corrective action on audit findings and have developed a corrective action plan. We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that you report.
17. Management has identified and disclosed to you all laws and regulations that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
18. We have adopted the provisions of GASB Codification Section 2100, *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity*. No organization meets the criteria established in GASB Codification Section 2100, *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity*, for inclusion as a component unit.
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23. In January 2020, GASB issued statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics and includes specific provisions about the effective date of Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*, for interim financial reports, the terminology used to refer to derivative instruments and the applicability of certain requirements of Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, to postemployment benefits. The requirements related to the effective date of GASB Statement No. 87 and Implementation Guide 2019-3, reissuance recoveries and terminology used to refer to derivative instruments are effective upon issuance. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, the remaining requirements of GASB Statement No. 92 is effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.
24. In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The primary objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements. This statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 94 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.
25. In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 96 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

26. In June 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. GASB Statement No. 97 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.
27. In October 2021, GASB issued Statement No. 98, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. This Statement establishes the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. Management does not believe that this statement, upon implementation, will have a material effect on the financial statements. GASB Statement No. 98 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

Except where otherwise stated below, matters less than \$7,000 collectively are not considered to be exceptions that require disclosure for the purpose of the following representations. This amount is not necessarily indicative of amounts that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the basic financial statements.

28. Except as listed in Appendix A, there are no transactions that have not been properly recorded and reflected in the financial statements.
29. The GALC has no plans or intentions that may affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
30. Regarding related parties:
  - a. We have disclosed to you the identity of the GALC's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
  - b. To the extent applicable, related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees (written or oral) have been appropriately identified, properly accounted for, and disclosed in the financial statements.
31. In preparing the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, management uses estimates. All estimates have been disclosed in the financial statements for which known information available prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that both of the following criteria are met:
  - a. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect on the financial statements of a condition, situation, or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements will change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events
  - b. The effect of the change would be material to the financial statements.

32. Risks associated with concentrations, based on information known to management, that meet all of the following criteria have been disclosed in the financial statements:
  - a. The concentration exists at the date of the financial statements
  - b. The concentration makes the enterprise vulnerable to the risk of a near-term severe impact
  - c. It is at least reasonably possible that the events that could cause the severe impact will occur in the near term.
33. There are no:
  - a. Instances of identified or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
  - b. Known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements that have not been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
  - c. Known actual or likely instances of abuse that have occurred that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements.
  - d. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by Section C50, *Claims and Judgments*, except as disclosed in note 8 to the financial statements.
34. The GALC has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
35. The GALC has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that may have an effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
36. No department or agency of the GALC has reported a material instance of noncompliance to us.
37. The GALC has identified all derivative instruments as defined by GASB Codification Section D40, *Derivative Instruments*, and appropriately recorded and disclosed such derivatives in accordance with GASB Codification Section D40.
38. No evidence of fraud, possible irregularities, or dishonesty in fiscal operations of programs administered by the GALC has been discovered.
39. No events have occurred after September 30, 2021, but before March 30, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued that require consideration as adjustments to or disclosures in the financial statements.
40. Regarding required supplementary information:
  - a. We confirm that we are responsible for the required supplementary information.
  - b. The required supplementary information is measured and presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

41. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period.
42. Regarding supplementary information:
  - a. We are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
  - b. We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200, *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
  - c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period.
43. Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for sales or other charges arising on or before the balance-sheet date and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
44. The GALC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The GALC has elected to purchase commercial insurance from independent third parties for the risks of loss to which it is exposed. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.
45. The GALC management has acknowledged and identified the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the GALC's financial position. The GALC management, based on its reasonable assessment, determined that the COVID-19 pandemic may not significantly impact financial position and, as a result, not warrant additional adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Very truly yours,

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**JOHN T. BURCH**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**Joseph B. Cruz, Jr.**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Officer



APPENDIX A

Guam Ancestral Land Commission  
 Summary of Uncorrected Misstatements  
 Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Assets		Liabilities		Equity		Income	
	Dr.	(Cr.)	Dr.	(Cr.)	Dr.	(Cr.)	Dr.	(Cr.)
To correct understatement of legal fees payable				(2,061)			2,061	
To correct building rent	6,005							(6,005)
	6,005			(2,061)			2,061	(6,005)