



Reporting and insights from 2025 audit:

City of Madison

December 31, 2025

Executive summary

June 24, 2026

City Council
City of Madison
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Madison, Wisconsin 53703-3345

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the City of Madison (the City) for the year ended December 31, 2025 and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2026. This letter presents communications required by our professional standards.

Your audit should provide you with confidence in your financial statements. The audit was performed based on information obtained from meetings with management, data from your systems, knowledge of your City's operating environment and our risk assessment procedures. We strive to provide you clear, concise communication throughout the audit process and of the final results of our audit.

Additionally, we have included information on key risk areas the City should be aware of in your strategic planning. We are available to discuss these risks as they relate to your organization's financial stability and future planning.

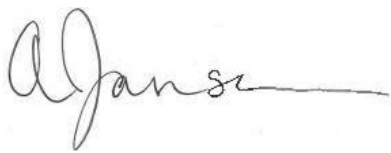
A separate letter was issued to the board of commissioners of the Community Development Authority of the City of Madison. The information contained in that letter is not included with this letter.

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Sincerely,

Baker Tilly US, LLP



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THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED SOLELY FOR THE INFORMATION AND USE OF THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE AND, IF APPROPRIATE, MANAGEMENT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AND SHOULD NOT BE USED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THESE SPECIFIED PARTIES.

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Responsibilities

Our responsibilities

As your independent auditor, our responsibilities include:

- Planning and performing the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance.
- Assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. Included in that assessment is a consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting.
- Performing appropriate procedures based upon our risk assessment.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management.
- Forming and expressing an opinion based on our audit about whether the financial statements prepared by management, with the oversight of the common council:
 - Are free from material misstatement
 - Present fairly, in all material respects and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Performing tests related to compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, as required by *Government Auditing Standards*
- Considering internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on major federal and major state programs to design tests of both controls and compliance with identified requirements
- Forming and expressing an opinion based on our audit in accordance with OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and *State Single Audit Guidelines* about the entity's compliance with requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and *State Single Audit Guidelines* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs.
- Our audit does not relieve management or the common council of their responsibilities.

We are also required to communicate significant matters related to our audit that are relevant to the responsibilities of the common council, including:

- Internal control matters
- Qualitative aspects of the City's accounting practice including policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures
- Significant unusual transactions
- Significant difficulties encountered
- Disagreements with management
- Circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors' report
- Audit consultations outside the engagement team
- Corrected and uncorrected misstatements
- Other audit findings or issues

Audit status

Significant changes to the audit plan

There were no significant changes made to either our planned audit strategy or to the significant risks and other areas of emphasis identified during the performance of our risk assessment procedures.

Audit approach and results

Planned scope and timing

Audit focus

Based on our understanding of the City and environment in which you operate, we focused our audit on the following key areas:

- Key transaction cycles
- Areas with significant estimates
- Analysis of new accounting standards

Our areas of audit focus were informed by, among other things, our assessment of materiality. Materiality in the context of our audit was determined based on specific qualitative and quantitative factors combined with our expectations about the City's current year results.

Key areas of focus and significant findings

Significant risks of material misstatement

A significant risk is an identified and assessed risk of material misstatement that, in the auditor's professional judgment, requires special audit consideration. Within our audit, we focused on the following areas below.

Significant risk areas	Testing approach	Conclusion
Management override of controls	Incorporate unpredictability into audit procedures, emphasize professional skepticism and utilize audit team with industry expertise	Procedures identified provided sufficient evidence for our audit opinion
Improper revenue recognition due to fraud	Confirmation or validation of certain revenues supplemented with detailed predictive analytics based on nonfinancial data and substantive testing of related receivables	Procedures identified provided sufficient evidence for our audit opinion

Other areas of emphasis

We also focused on other areas that did not meet the definition of a significant risk but were determined to require specific awareness and a unique audit response.

Other areas of emphasis		
Cash and investments	Revenues and receivables	General disbursements
Payroll	Pension and OPEB liabilities	Long-term debt
Capital assets including infrastructure	Net position and fund balance calculations	Financial reporting and required disclosures

Internal control matters

We considered the City's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements. We are not expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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 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. We identified the following deficiency as a material weakness:

- **Financial statement close process**

Properly designed systems of internal control provide your organization with the ability to process and record accurate monthly and year-end transactions and annual financial reports.

Our audit includes a review and evaluation of the internal controls relating to financial reporting. Common attributes of a properly designed system of internal control for financial reporting are as follows:

- There is adequate staffing to prepare financial reports throughout the year and at year-end.
- Material misstatements are identified and corrected during the normal course of duties.
- Complete and accurate financial statements, including footnotes, are prepared.
- Complete and accurate schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is prepared.
- Financial reports are independently reviewed for completeness and accuracy.

Our evaluation of the internal controls over financial reporting has identified a control deficiency that is considered to be a material weakness surrounding the preparation of financial statements and footnotes.

There was a material adjustment related to the Water Utility identified during the financial audit.

Management Response

Management acknowledges the material audit adjustment. Water Utility Finance Manager will review all significant and nonroutine transactions on a quarterly basis with the City of Madison Assistant Finance Director to ensure all significant and nonroutine transactions are timely identified, evaluated and accounted for in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The City's written responses to the material weakness identified in our audit has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Required communications

Qualitative aspect of accounting practices

- Accounting policies: Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we have advised management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note I to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing accounting policies was not changed during 2025. We noted no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which accounting policies are controversial or for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus or diversity in practice.
- Accounting estimates: Accounting estimates, including fair value 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, the degree of subjectivity involved in their development and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The following estimates are of most significance to the financial statements:

Estimate	Management's process to determine	Baker Tilly's conclusions regarding reasonableness
Accrued compensated absences	Evaluation of hours earned and accumulated in accordance with employment policies, historical usage and average wage per hour rates	Reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole
Net pension liability and related deferrals	Evaluation of information provided by the Wisconsin Retirement System	Reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole
Self-insurance claims	Historical claims analysis and report provided by a 3 rd party administrator	Reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole
Allowance for doubtful accounts	Evaluation of historical revenues and loss levels with the analysis on collectability of individual amounts	Reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole
Net/Total OPEB liability and related deferrals	Key assumptions set by management with the assistance of a 3 rd party actuary	Reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole
Leased assets/liabilities and/or lease receivable and related deferral	Evaluation of leases by management and incremental borrowing rate used for present value calculation	Reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole

There have been no significant changes made by management to either the processes used to develop the particularly sensitive accounting estimates or to the significant assumptions used to develop the estimates, noted above.

- Financial statement disclosures: The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

Significant unusual transactions

There have been no significant transactions that are outside the normal course of business for the City or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size or nature.

Significant difficulties encountered during the audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management and completing our audit.

Disagreements with management

Professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter that could be significant to the basic financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Audit report

There have been no departures from the auditors' standard report.

Audit consultations outside the engagement team

We encountered no difficult or contentious matters for which we consulted outside of the engagement team.

Uncorrected misstatements and corrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial and to communicate accumulated misstatements to management. Management is in agreement with the misstatements we have identified and they have been corrected in the financial statements. The schedule within the attachments summarizes the material corrected misstatements, that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. The internal control matters section of this report describes the effects on the financial reporting process indicated by the corrected misstatements, other than those that we consider to be of a lesser magnitude than significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Other audit findings or issues

We encountered no other audit findings or issues that require communication at this time.

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 City'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 information in documents containing audited basic financial statements

The City's audited financial statements will be included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Our responsibility for this information does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. We have read the Introductory and Statistical sections of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to determine whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information or its manner of presentation, was materially inconsistent with the information or manner of its presentation, in the financial statements.

Management's consultations with other accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that and, to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing or accounting matters.

Written communications between management and Baker Tilly

The attachments include copies of other material written communications, including a copy of the management representation letter.

Compliance with laws and regulations

We did not identify any noncompliance with laws and regulations during our audit.

We will issue a separate document which contains the results of our audit procedures to comply with the Uniform Guidance and *State Single Audit Guidelines*.

Fraud

We did not identify any known or suspected fraud during our audit.

Going concern

Pursuant to professional standards, we are required to communicate to you, when applicable, certain matters relating to our evaluation of the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time but no less than 12 months from the date of the financial statements, including the effects on the financial statements and the adequacy of the related disclosures and the effects on the auditor's report. No such matters or conditions have come to our attention during our engagement.

Group audits

The City's financial statements include information that was audited by other auditors as follows:

- Madison Public Library Foundation, a component unit of the City of Madison, completed by SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C.
- Madison Parks Foundation, a component unit of the City of Madison, completed by Johnson Block and Company.
- Olbrich Botanical Society and Olbrich Botanical Society Foundation, a component unit of the City of Madison, completed by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.
- Monona Shores, Village on Park, MRCDC and CDA 95-1, Enterprise Funds of the CDA and the aggregate discretely presented component units of the CDA as of December 31, 2025 and for the year then ended, completed by SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C.

In addition, if we had any concerns about the quality of work of the other auditors, if there were any limitations related to the group audit or if there was any fraud or suspected from involving group management, component management, employees who have significant roles in group-wide controls or others in which material misstatement of the group financial statements has or may have resulted from fraud we would be required to report those to you. We have not identified any circumstances that are required to be reported.

Independence

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly and the City that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Related parties

We did not have any significant findings or issues arise during the audit in connection with the City's related parties.

Other matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the supplementary information. With respect to the supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the other information, which accompanies the financial statements but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Nonattest services

The following nonattest services were provided by Baker Tilly:

- Municipal advisory services*
- Tax compliance services
- Classification and compensation study
- HR consulting

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Nonattest services are provided by Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP.*

Resources for those charged with governance

Our business is to know every aspect of yours and to maintain a constant lookout for what's next. We invite you to learn about some of the trending challenges and opportunities for public sector organizations like yours and how Baker Tilly can help.

To explore more trending topics and regulatory updates, visit our resource page at <https://www.bakertilly.com/insights/audit-committee-resource-page>.



Capital project oversight

Public sector capital projects face increasing pressure from cost escalation, supply chain disruption, regulatory complexity and heightened scrutiny around transparency and accountability. Strong planning, governance and controls are critical across the full project life cycle, from feasibility and funding strategy through execution and closeout.

Independent oversight helps chart a clear course from planning to delivery. Our teams work alongside leadership to strengthen governance, establish financial and contractual controls, align funding with project goals and monitor performance throughout execution, helping projects stay on schedule, within budget and aligned with community priorities.



Succession planning

An aging workforce, rising retirement rates and competition for specialized talent make succession planning a fiscal and operational a priority for public sector organizations.

By identifying critical roles, assessing workforce risk, building internal talent pipelines and integrating succession planning with broader workforce strategies, Baker Tilly helps organizations preserve institutional knowledge and maintain continuity, today and into the future.



Economic development

Successful economic development depends on disciplined planning, sound financial analysis and coordinated execution. Public sector leaders must balance incentives, infrastructure investment, funding opportunities and stakeholder priorities while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Baker Tilly's supports local governments with strategic and financial planning, incentive structuring and negotiation, tax increment financing administration, project financing, grant strategy and economic and fiscal impact analysis. This integrated approach helps leaders move from vision to action, strengthening communities and advancing sustainable, long-term growth.

Management representation letter



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June 24, 2026

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Dear Baker Tilly US, LLP:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the City of Madison as of December 31, 2025 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Madison and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting and preventing and detecting fraud.

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 the 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. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

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

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated August 19, 2024, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America U.S. GAAP.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements include all properly classified funds of the primary government and all

component units required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be included in the financial reporting entity.

- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, if any, are reasonable in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America U.S. GAAP.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 7) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No other events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the financial statement date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- 8) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards.
- 9) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the appropriate accounts.
- 10) There are no known or possible litigation, claims and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 11) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the City is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

- 12) We have provided you with:
 - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, documentation and other matters and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.

- b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d) Minutes of the meetings of Common Council or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 13) We have not completed an assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators or others.
- 16) We have no knowledge of known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 17) We have disclosed to you the names of our related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions, including side agreements, of which we are aware.

Other

- 18) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 19) We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 20) We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 21) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- 22) We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for our report.
- 23) The City of Madison has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources or fund balance or net position.

- 24) We are responsible for compliance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits, debt contracts and IRS arbitrage regulations; and we have identified and disclosed to you all federal, state and local laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 25) We have appropriately disclosed all information for conduit debt obligations in accordance with GASB 91.
- 26) There are no:
- a) Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, federal, state and local laws or regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency or for reporting on noncompliance, except those already disclosed in the financial statement, if any.
 - b) Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - c) Nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned fund balances that were not properly authorized and approved.
 - d) Rates being charged to customers other than the rates as authorized by the applicable authoritative body.
 - e) Violations of restrictions placed on revenues as a result of bond resolution covenants such as revenue distribution or debt service funding.
- 27) We have made all management decisions and performed all management functions in relation to the nonattest services provided by Baker Tilly US, LLP or Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP, as identified in the engagement letter or an addendum to the engagement letter. We have designated employees with suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to oversee the services received. Furthermore, we have established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring activities related to the nonattest services provided by Baker Tilly US, LLP or Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP and we have evaluated and accept responsibility for the adequacy and results of the nonattest services received.

The nonattest services provided by Baker Tilly US, LLP or Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP, are listed below.

- a) Municipal advisory services
- b) Classification and compensation study
- c) HR consulting services

d) Tax compliance services

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

- 28) The City of Madison 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.
- 29) The City of Madison has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance.
- 30) The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations, if any. Component units have been properly presented as either blended or discrete.
- 31) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by GASB No. 84.
- 32) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
- 33) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34 and No. 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 34) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and components of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 35) The City of Madison has no derivative financial instruments such as contracts that could be assigned to someone else or net settled, interest rate swaps, collars or caps.
- 36) Provisions for uncollectible receivables, if any, have been properly identified and recorded.
- 37) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 38) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues and general revenues.
- 39) Interfund, internal and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 40) Deposits and investments are properly classified, valued and disclosed (including risk disclosures, collateralization agreements, valuation methods and key inputs, as applicable).
- 41) Provision, when material, has been made to reduce excess or obsolete inventories to their estimated net realizable value.

- 42) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated/amortized. Any known impairments have been recorded and disclosed.
- 43) We have reviewed our employment agreements and personnel policy related to compensated absences and believe our calculation of compensated absences is in alignment with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 101.
- 44) Tax-exempt bonds issued have retained their tax-exempt status.
- 45) We have appropriately disclosed the City of Madison's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available and have determined that net position were properly recognized under the policy. We have also disclosed our policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available.
- 46) We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 47) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 48) With respect to the supplementary information, (SI):
 - a) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SI in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and we believe the SI, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SI have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
 - b) If the SI is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditors' report thereon.
- 49) We assume responsibility for and agree with, the findings of specialists in evaluating the incurred but not recorded liability and post employment benefits accrued and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their

work and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.

- 50) We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
- 51) We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure OPEB liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
- 52) We assume responsibility for and agree with, the information provided by the Wisconsin Retirement System as audited by the Legislative Audit Bureau relating to the net pension asset/liability and related deferred outflows and deferred inflows and have adequately considered the reasonableness of the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We also assume responsibility for the census data that has been reported to the plan.
- 53) We have evaluated and considered all potential tax abatements and believe all material tax abatements have been properly reported and disclosed.
- 54) We have reviewed our long-term debt agreements and believe that all terms related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, termination events with finance-related consequences and subjective acceleration clauses have been properly identified and disclosed.
- 55) We have identified any leases, subscription-based information technology agreements or other contracts that are required to be reported as leases or subscription obligations and are in agreement with the key assumptions used in the measurement of any lease/subscription related assets, liabilities or deferred inflows of resources.
- 56) We have evaluated our ongoing operations and determined there are no concentrations or constraints meeting the requirements for disclosure under GASB Statement No. 102.
- 57) There have been no changes to our assessment or applicability in regards to all previously effective GASB Statements that were deemed immaterial or did not impact The City of Madison at the time the statements were effective.
- 58) We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services or third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of GASB 72 – *Fair Value Measurement*. In addition our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in GASB 72. We have evaluated the fair value information provided to us by brokers, pricing services or other parties that has been used in the financial statements and believe this information to be reliable and consistent with the requirements.
- 59) The auditing standards define an annual report as "a document or combination of documents, typically prepared on an annual basis by management or those charged with governance in accordance with law, regulation or custom, the purpose of which is to provide owners (or similar stakeholders) with information on the entity's operations and the financial results and financial

position as set out in the financial statements." Among other items, an annual report contains, accompanies or incorporates by reference the financial statements and the auditors' report thereon. Our annual report is comprised of the following document "Annual Comprehensive Financial Report". We have provided you with the final version of the annual report. There are no material inconsistencies between the financial statements and any other information contained within the annual report.

60) With respect to federal and state award programs:

- a) We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, *OMB's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), *State Single Audit Guidelines*, including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (SEFSA).
- b) We acknowledge our responsibility for preparing and presenting the SEFSA and related disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, and we believe the SEFSA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SEFSA have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the SEFSA.
- c) If the SEFSA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFSA no later than the date we issue the SEFSA and the auditors' report thereon.
- d) We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* and included in the SEFSA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations and other direct assistance.
- e) We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of laws, regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal and state programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal and state program.
- f) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal and state programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are administering our federal and state awards in compliance with laws, regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal and state programs. We

believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control over compliance or other factors to the date of this letter that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken with regard to control deficiencies reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

- g) We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal or state agencies or pass-through entities relevant to the programs and related activities.
- h) We have received no requests from a federal or state agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- i) We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements including when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Compliance Supplement and the State Single Audit Guidelines, relating to federal and state awards.
- j) We have disclosed any communications from grantors and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- k) We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation agreements and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, if any, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- l) Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in the Uniform Guidance.
- m) We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- n) We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal and state program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- o) We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
- p) We are not aware of any instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditors' report.
- q) No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have

taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the date as of which compliance was audited.

- r) Federal and state program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
- s) The copies of federal and state program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal and state agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- t) We have monitored subrecipients to determine that they have expended pass-through assistance in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and have met the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*.
- u) We have taken appropriate action, including issuing management decisions, on a timely basis after receipt of subrecipients' auditors' reports that identified noncompliance with laws, regulations or the provisions of contracts or grant agreements to ensure that subrecipients have taken the appropriate and timely corrective action on findings.
- v) We have considered the results of subrecipient audits and made any necessary adjustments to our books and records.
- w) We have charged costs to federal and state awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- x) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- y) We are responsible for and have ensured the reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.
- z) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.
- aa) We are responsible for preparing and implementing a corrective action plan for each audit finding.

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ab) We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with our service organizations and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organization relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.

Sincerely,

City of Madison

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Accounting changes relevant to the City of Madison

Future accounting standards update

GASB Statement Number	Description	Potentially impacts you	Effective date
103	Financial reporting model improvements	✓	12/31/26
104	Disclosure of certain capital assets	✓	12/31/26
105	Subsequent events	✓	12/31/27

Further information on upcoming [GASB pronouncements](#).

Changes to the financial reporting model

GASB Statement 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, builds on Statement 34 by providing key targeted improvements to the financial reporting model. Its requirements are designed to:

- Enhance the effectiveness of governmental financial reports in providing information essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability, and
- Address certain application issues.

The targeted improvements contained in Statement 103 establish or modify existing accounting and financial reporting requirements related to:

- Management's discussion and analysis - While the overall requirements do not substantially change management's discussion and analysis, the modifications are meant to improve the analysis included in this section and provide details about the items that should be discussed as currently known facts, decisions or conditions expected to have a significant financial effect in the subsequent period.
- Unusual or infrequent items (previously known as extraordinary and special items) - The new Statement simplifies GASB literature by eliminating the separate presentation of extraordinary and special items. Under the requirement of Statement 103, applicable items will either be identified as unusual or infrequent or both.
- Presentation of the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position - The changes are designed to improve consistency around the classification of items in these statements by better defining what should be included in operating revenues and expenses and nonoperating revenues and expenses including, for example, the addition of subsidies received or provided as a new category of nonoperating revenues and expenses.
- Major component unit information and Budgetary comparison information - Statement 103 is designed to improve the consistency of the reporting of major component unit information and budgetary comparison information by specifying required placement of that information.

Revisions to disclosures for certain capital assets

Governments are required to provide information on capital assets in the footnotes to the financial statements as outlined in GASB Statement No. 34. Recent standards have impacted the accounting and reporting for capital assets and as a result GASB issued Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets* to provide enhanced disclosures for certain capital assets, including

- Lease assets reported under Statement No. 87, intangible right-to-use assets reported under Statement No. 94 and subscription assets reported under Statement No. 96 should all be disclosed separately and by major class of underlying asset. In addition, if there are any other intangible assets reported they should also be disclosed separately.
- Capital assets that are held for sale should have the ending balance with separate disclosure for historical cost and related accumulated depreciation as well as any outstanding debt for which the asset is pledged as collateral disclosed by major class of asset. Assets held for sale are defined as those for which the government has decided to pursue the sale and it is probable that the sale will be finalized within one year of the financial statement date.

While these changes are focused on footnote disclosures it is important to plan ahead to ensure the required information is available for implementation.

Updated guidance for the financial reporting of subsequent events

GASB Statement No. 105, *Subsequent Events, which supersedes GASB Statement No. 56*, is intended to enhance consistency in the application of requirements for subsequent events.

The Statement defines subsequent events as transactions or other events that occur after year end but before the date the financial statements are available to be issued. The date the financial statements are available to be issued is the date at which (a) the financial statements are complete in a form and format that complies with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and (b) approvals necessary for issuance have been obtained or typically the opinion date. The definition of subsequent events in this Statement modifies the subsequent events time frame throughout the GASB literature.

The Statement also clarifies:

- The different types of subsequent events (recognized and nonrecognized events)
- When note disclosures are required
- The information that should be included in those note disclosures

Material corrected misstatement

Description	Opinion unit	Amount	
To recognize the receivable and revenue for PFAS settlement to be received in 2026 to 2033.	Madison Water Utility	\$	1,913,724

Two-way audit communications

As part of our audit of your financial statements, we are providing communications to you throughout the audit process. Auditing requirements provide for two-way communication and are important in assisting the auditor and you with more information relevant to the audit.

As this past audit is concluded, we use what we have learned to begin the planning process for next year's audit. It is important that you understand the following points about the scope and timing of our next audit:

- a. We address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.
- b. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud and to design the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented. We will use such knowledge to:
 - Identify types of potential misstatements.
 - Consider factors that affect the risks of material misstatement.
 - Design tests of controls, when applicable and substantive procedures.
- c. We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations and provisions of contracts or grant programs. For audits performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our report will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance and that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.
- d. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for fair presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the financial statements. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material misstatements, whether caused by errors or fraud, are detected.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, *OMB's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*.

We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations and provisions of contracts or grant programs. For audits done in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, our report will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe (a) the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, (b) the scope of testing internal control over compliance for major programs and major program compliance and the result of that testing and to provide an opinion on compliance but not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance and, (c) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, in considering internal control over compliance and major program compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

- e. Your financial statements contain components, as defined by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which we also audit.
- f. In connection with our audit, we intend to place reliance on the audit of the financial statements of the Madison Public Library Foundation, a component unit of the City of Madison, Monona Shores, Village on Park, MRCDC and CDA 95-1, Enterprise Funds of the CDA and the aggregate discretely presented component units of the CDA as of December 31, 2026 and for the year then ended to be completed by SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C. We intend to place reliance on the audit of the financial statements of the Madison Parks Foundation, a component unit of the City of Madison, as of December 31, 2026 and for the year then ended to be completed by Johnson Block and Company, Inc. We also intend to place reliance on the audit of the financial statements of Olbrich Botanical Society Inc. and Olbrich Botanical Society Foundation Inc., a component unit of the City of Madison, as of December 31, 2026 and for the year then ended to be completed by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. We will evaluate whether all necessary conditions have been met to allow us to make reference to the component auditors.

We are very interested in your views regarding certain matters. Those matters are listed here:

- a. We typically will communicate with your top level of management unless you tell us otherwise.
- b. We understand that the governing board has the responsibility to oversee the strategic direction of your organization, as well as the overall accountability of the entity. Management has the responsibility for achieving the objectives of the entity.
- c. We need to know your views about your organization's objectives and strategies and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
- d. We anticipate that the City will receive an unmodified opinion on its financial statements.
- e. Which matters do you consider warrant particular attention during the audit and are there any areas where you request additional procedures to be undertaken?
- f. Have you had any significant communications with regulators or grantor agencies?
- g. Are there other matters that you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements?

Also, is there anything that we need to know about the attitudes, awareness and actions of the governing body concerning:

- a. The entity's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control?
- b. The detection or the possibility of fraud?

We also need to know if you have taken actions in response to developments in financial reporting, laws, accounting standards, governance practices or other related matters or in response to previous communications with us.

With regard to the timing of our audit, here is some general information. If necessary, we may do preliminary financial audit work during the months of October-December and sometimes early in January. Our final financial fieldwork is scheduled during the spring to best coincide with your readiness and report deadlines. After fieldwork, we wrap up our financial audit procedures at our office and may issue drafts of our report for your review. Final copies of our report and other communications are issued after approval by your staff. This is typically 6-12 weeks after final fieldwork but may vary depending on a number of factors.

Keep in mind that while this communication may assist us with planning the scope and timing of the audit, it does not change the auditor's sole responsibility to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing and extent of procedures necessary to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

We realize that you may have questions on what this all means or wish to provide other feedback. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you.