

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025



CAPE CORAL CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY
A Component Unit of the City of Cape Coral, Florida



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Oasis Elementary South
Oasis Elementary North
Oasis Middle School
Oasis High School

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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A photograph of Oasis High School, a large, modern, light-colored building with a central entrance and palm trees in front. The sky is blue with white clouds. The text "START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE" is overlaid in large, bold, blue letters with a green outline.

START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE

I. INTRODUCTORY SECTION



START HERE. GO EVERYWHERE.

September 18, 2025

Honorable Chairperson and Members of the City of Cape Coral
Charter School Authority Governing Board
Cape Coral, Florida

Dear Chairperson and Members of the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board:

We are pleased to present to you the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report of the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority (Authority), Cape Coral, Florida for the year ended June 30, 2025. State law, the School District of Lee County, and the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Charter require that a complete set of financial statements be presented in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) and audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by licensed independent certified public accountants. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the City of Cape Coral.

We believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material respects and is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and the results of operations of the Authority. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the financial activities have been included. Management of the Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the Authority are protected from loss, theft, or misuse and to ensure that sufficient, reliable, adequate accounting data is compiled for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Internal accounting controls have been designed to provide reasonable, rather than absolute assurance, that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

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PROFILE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

The City of Cape Coral Oasis Charter Schools is a high-performing municipal charter school system created to serve the children of Cape Coral residents. The Florida Department of Education has designated the charters *Schools of Excellence*, and COGNIA has accredited Oasis Charter Schools as one of Florida's *School Systems of Distinction*.

Established in 2005, the award-winning K–12 public school system includes two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school – proudly maintaining a 100% graduation rate.

Oasis fosters a unique learning environment rooted in community, where accountability, integrity, and collaboration are core values, and diverse perspectives are welcomed to promote student success. Supported by more than 353 certified teachers and staff – and led by an administrative team averaging over 28 years of educational experience – Oasis enrollment has reached an all-time high of 3,464 students for the 2025-2026 school year.

In 2004, the Cape Coral City Council adopted Ordinance 41-04, establishing Chapter 26 of the City of Cape Coral Code of Ordinances and creating the Cape Coral Charter School Authority. The Authority Governing Board oversees compliance with federal, state, and Lee County School District mandates while approving the school system's annual budget.

Board members are appointed by the City Council to serve a minimum two-year term and include: one City Council member, one representative each from the business and education communities, and three community at-large members. Additionally, each of the four Oasis schools appoints a parent or guardian representative through its parent-teacher organization, who also serves a two-year term.

The City of Cape Coral built and owns all Oasis Charter Schools' buildings and facilities, which are leased to the Authority through June 2029. Beyond property management, the City also provides financial services, human resources, ITS support, school resource officers, and custodial services – while operational obligations remain the responsibility of the Charter School Authority.

In 2020 Oasis Charter Schools reimagined its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative, launching Oasis STEM Innovation to serve students across all grade levels. Today, Oasis offers Cape Coral's only fully integrated K–12 STEM education pathway.

The mission of the Charter School Authority is clear: to educate students to be responsible, critical thinkers who are prepared to thrive in a dynamic global workforce. This mission is made possible through strong community partnerships – most importantly with our founding partner, the City of Cape Coral, whose expertise and resources continue to fuel our shared success.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The preparation of this report could not be accomplished without the efficient and dedicated service of the Financial Services Department staff of the City of Cape Coral. Their continuing effort toward improving the accounting and financial reporting system improves the quality of the information reported to the Cape Coral Charter School Authority, City Council, School District of Lee County, State and Federal Agencies, and the citizens of the City of Cape Coral. We sincerely appreciate and commend them for their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquelin Collins".

Jacquelin Collins
Charter School Superintendent
Charter School Authority

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Crystal S. Feast".

Crystal S. Feast, MBA
Financial Services Director
City of Cape Coral

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100%

Graduation Rate

II. FINANCIAL SECTION



Independent Auditor's Report

**To the Board of Directors
of Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Cape Coral, Florida**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Authority as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule, schedules of proportionate share of net pension liability, and schedules of contributions, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 18, 2025, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Bradenton, Florida
September 18, 2025



Management's Discussion & Analysis



Management's Discussion and Analysis

The City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority's ('Charter School') Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. It is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the Charter School's financial activity, and identify changes in the Charter School's financial position.

Since the MD&A is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes and current known facts, please read it in conjunction with the Cape Coral Charter School Authority's financial statements (beginning on page 17) and letter of transmittal.

Comparative data presentation is provided; however, results may be significantly impacted due to changes in per pupil funding, student enrollment, or legislative mandates.

Highlights

Financial Highlights

- At the close of fiscal year 2025, the Cape Coral Charter School Authority's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$11,278,135 (net position). This is an increase of \$3,792,877 from the prior year's balance at June 30, 2024 of \$7,485,258, or 50.7%.
- Total revenues for fiscal year 2025 were \$39,261,003 as compared to \$38,123,389 for fiscal year 2024, or a 3.0% increase.
- Total expenses for fiscal year 2025 were \$35,468,126 as compared to \$36,839,343 for fiscal year 2024, or a 3.7% decrease.

Overview of the Charter School Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Cape Coral Charter School Authority's financial statements. The financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the statements.

The **Government-wide Financial Statements** distinguish the functions of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority as being principally supported by local revenues from the Lee County School District or governmental activities as opposed to business-type activities that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The Cape Coral Charter School Authority has no business-type activities and no component units for which they are financially accountable. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 17-18 of this report.

The **Statement of Net Position** presents information on the Cape Coral Charter School Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the charter schools is improving or deteriorating.

The **Statement of Activities** presents information for all the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will eventually result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Fund Financial Statements A fund is a grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Cape Coral Charter School Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. The General Fund is reported as a governmental fund and is used to account for the operating financial resources of the Authority.

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be

useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions.

Both the governmental fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. Information is presented for the general fund in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. The Cape Coral Charter School Authority adopts an annual appropriated budget. Budgetary comparison schedules and notes have been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets. The governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 19-22 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements The notes provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 26-47 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information The information in this section is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). It is comprised of the budgetary comparison schedules and notes, and the pension related schedules and notes which can be found on pages 50-53.

Supplementary Auditors' Reports This section includes the following:

- Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, which can be found on pages 61-62.
- Management Letter in Accordance with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, which can be found on pages 63-64.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$3,792,877 increasing net position to \$11,278,135. The increase in net position is attributable to an increase in the maximum calculated amount for each eligible charter school for Local Capital Improvement (LCI) Funds from the School District of Lee County, an increase in interest income, and a decrease in pension expense.

The administrative team, consisting of the superintendent, four school principals, and the City of Cape Coral Financial Services Team, continues to focus on sound financial planning to sustain the Charter School Authority into the future. With the anticipated student funding increase for the 2025-2026 school year, the Authority is expected to continue to improve net position year over year.

Summary of Net Position

The following table reflects a Summary of Net Position for fiscal years 2025 and 2024.

Summary of Net Position				
	2025	2024	Change	% Change
Assets				
Current assets	\$ 23,297,923	\$ 20,585,119	\$ 2,712,804	13.2%
Capital assets not being depreciated	129,204	182,013	(52,809)	(29.0%)
Capital assets, net	8,304,773	4,864,201	3,440,572	70.7%
Total assets	31,731,900	25,631,333	6,100,567	23.8%
Deferred outflows related to pension	4,157,558	4,302,135	(144,577)	(3.4%)
Liabilities				
Current and other liabilities	1,320,129	2,418,909	(1,098,780)	(45.4%)
Noncurrent liabilities	20,990,953	18,812,523	2,178,430	11.6%
Total liabilities	22,311,082	21,231,432	1,079,650	5.1%
Deferred inflows related to pension	2,300,241	1,216,778	1,083,463	89.0%
Net position				
Net investment in capital assets	1,750,178	1,812,242	(62,064)	(3.4%)
Restricted	1,090,423	-	1,090,423	100.0%
Unrestricted	8,437,534	5,673,016	2,764,518	48.7%
Total net position	\$ 11,278,135	\$ 7,485,258	\$ 3,792,877	50.7%

Net investment in capital assets represents capital assets (land, buildings, improvements, and equipment), net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, and the outstanding related debt used to acquire the assets. The net investment in capital assets balance of \$1,750,178 decreased by \$62,064 or 3.4% in comparison to the prior year because the amount spent on acquiring or improving capital assets was less than the amount of depreciation, disposals and debt repayments. The Authority uses capital assets to provide educational services to their students. While these investments are reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The unrestricted net position balance, the largest portion of net position, reflected an increase of \$2,764,518 or 48.7% from a positive \$5,673,016 in the prior fiscal year primarily attributable to an increase in Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Funding and the receipt of Local Capital Improvement (LCI) Funds from the School District of Lee County.

Changes in Net Position

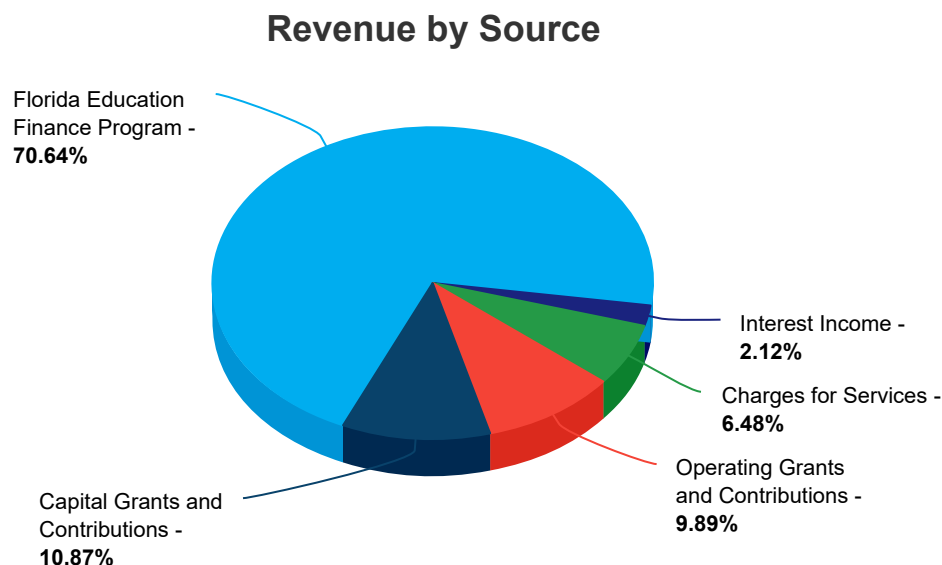
The following table reflects a comparison of the Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for fiscal years 2025 and 2024 by program.

Summary of Changes in Net Position

	2025	2024	Change	% Change
REVENUES:				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 2,538,940	\$ 2,371,519	\$ 167,421	7.1%
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,883,756	5,464,602	(1,580,846)	(28.9%)
Capital Grants and Contributions	4,269,370	2,919,708	1,349,662	46.2%
General Revenues:				
Florida Education Finance Program	27,735,049	26,608,256	1,126,793	4.2%
Interest Income	833,888	759,304	74,584	9.8%
Total Revenues	39,261,003	38,123,389	1,137,614	3.0%
EXPENSES:				
Program Activities:				
Instruction Basic (FEFP K-12)	19,710,982	21,640,767	(1,929,785)	(8.9%)
Exceptional Education Services	78,238	158,083	(79,845)	(50.5%)
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE Diploma Program)	215,203	171,027	44,176	25.8%
Pupil Personnel Services	293,942	387,132	(93,190)	(24.1%)
Health Services	381,284	387,131	(5,847)	(1.5%)
Other Pupil Personnel Services	865,067	646,828	218,239	33.7%
Instructional Media Services	135,155	151,092	(15,937)	(10.5%)
Instructional Staff Training Services	52,050	47,935	4,115	8.6%
Board	46,557	48,222	(1,665)	(3.5%)
General Administration	515,224	577,679	(62,455)	(10.8%)
School Administration	3,154,459	2,854,860	299,599	10.5%
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	480,019	535,864	(55,845)	(10.4%)
Fiscal Services	655,980	804,384	(148,404)	(18.4%)
Food Services	1,702,568	1,605,002	97,566	6.1%
Data Processing Services	616,357	633,159	(16,802)	(2.7%)
Pupil Transportation Services	2,104,404	1,973,851	130,553	6.6%
Operation of Plant	4,161,280	3,948,441	212,839	5.4%
Maintenance of Plant	192,238	225,483	(33,245)	(14.7%)
Community Services	38,885	-	38,885	100.0%
Interest	68,234	42,403	25,831	60.9%
Total Expenses	35,468,126	36,839,343	(1,371,217)	(3.7%)
Change in Net Position	3,792,877	1,284,046	2,508,831	195.4%
Net Position - beginning	7,485,258	6,201,212	1,284,046	20.7%
Net Position - ending	<u>\$ 11,278,135</u>	<u>\$ 7,485,258</u>	<u>\$ 3,792,877</u>	<u>50.7%</u>

Revenue

The following is a chart of revenues by major source for the Charter School for fiscal year 2025.



Total revenue increased by \$1,137,614 or 3.0% in comparison to the prior year. Outlined below are the explanations for the significant revenue changes.

Charges for Services increased by \$167,421 or 7.1%:

- Food service sales paid by parents or guardians of \$1,248,191 reflected an increase of \$136,194 or 12.2% from \$1,111,997 in the prior fiscal year. \$65,483 was considered unearned food service revenue in fiscal year 2025 and is reclassified as earned revenue in fiscal year 2026.
- General Administration revenue of \$425,832 reflected an increase of \$54,783 or 14.8% from \$371,049 in the prior year. The increase is primarily due to an increase in Transfers In from Internal Funds.
- Pupil Transportation Services revenue of \$88,950 reflected an increase of \$14,658 or 19.7% from \$74,292 in the prior year as the number of field trips for City of Cape Coral Parks & Rec Summer Programs and other local organizations increased.
- Instruction Basic revenue of \$699,535 reflected a decrease of \$552 or 0.1% from \$700,087 in the prior year primarily due to decreases in miscellaneous revenue, which include, but are not limited to, fundraisers and private donations earmarked for technology, yearbooks, student uniform sales, athletic event admissions, and concession sales.
- School Administration revenue decreased by \$49,217 to \$55,591 from \$104,808 in the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in Internal Fund Contributions and Donations.

Operating Grants and Contributions decreased by \$1,580,846 or 28.9%:

- The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education, also known as AICE, is an international curriculum and examination program. This program allows students to earn an advanced diploma to boost their college applications. Students may earn college credit or place out of introductory courses as a freshman. AICE also provides the potential to earn an international diploma. Funding from the Florida Department of Education for the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program at Oasis High School was \$797,192 as compared to \$672,296 for the prior fiscal year. This was an increase of \$124,896 or 18.6% and is due to the increase in students earning diplomas as well as the number of students passing classes. This program funds teacher bonuses and other costs associated with the operation of the Cambridge curriculum program. Funding

is determined by the number of students participating in the program and the AICE test results. A bonus was paid to those teachers who instruct AICE courses at the High School based on the number of tests passed.

- The funding received from the U.S. Army allows Oasis High School to offer the JROTC program to students. This Federal program provides a reimbursement of approximately 50% of the cost of the salary for three JROTC instructors. In fiscal year 2025, the Authority received \$116,019 which reflects an increase of \$3,139 or 2.8% from \$112,880. This is due to an increase in the Minimum Instructor Pay (MIP) regulated by the U.S. Army.
- Donations of \$93,913 from PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) and other local organizations increased by \$54,413 or 137.8% from \$39,500 in the prior fiscal year. These donations are designated to support curriculum needs at the building level.
- Funding for Title II-A eligible instructional staff training and associated travel of \$47,543 decreased by \$4,752 or 9.1% from \$52,295 in the prior year. Annually, each school provides the Lee County School District with their proposed plan for Title II-A funding. This proposal is reviewed by the Lee County School District who determines the new allocation for each school based on the federal funding level. In fiscal year 2025, all four schools submitted plans and received funding.
- Funding for Title IV: Student Support and Academic Enhancement Grants was provided in fiscal year 2025, during which all schools applied for Title IV funding through the Lee County School District. Funding is utilized in efforts to improve student mental and behavioral health, school climate or school safety. In fiscal year 2025, Title IV funding of \$60,497 decreased by \$24,452 or 28.78% from \$84,948 in the prior year; this decrease is due to the timing of receipt of funds.
- The reimbursements through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program (NSLP) of \$678,601 showed a decrease of \$57,055 or 7.8% from \$735,657 in fiscal year 2024. This decrease is due to the termination of the Supply Chain Assistance Allocation.
- CARES – Coronavirus Relief Fund – The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funded by the State, established the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (“the Fund”). Payments must be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The initiative of the CARES Act Funding (ESSER II and ESSER III) is to address the areas most impacted by the disruption and closure of schools, safely reopen schools, sustain operations and address the loss of learning in students. In fiscal year 2025, \$720,503 was received in CARES Act funding from the School District of Lee County, as a program beneficiary, which reflects a decrease of \$1,858,976 or 46% from the prior year. ESSER II concluded September 2023 and ESSER III concluded September 2024.
- FEFP Teacher Salary Allocation – House Bill 5001 funded through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) focused on increasing compensation for full-time classroom teachers, and assisting school districts in their recruitment and retention of classroom teachers and instructional personnel. The bill requires “a school district or charter school” to maintain the new “minimum base salary achieved for classroom teachers” in subsequent fiscal years unless changed by future general appropriations. In fiscal year 2025, the Charter School received \$1,277,779, which is an increase of \$228,980 or 29%, in revenue to use for teacher compensation.

Capital Grants and Contributions increased by \$1,349,662 or 46.2%:

- The Cape Coral Charter School Authority is eligible to receive Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funding from the State of Florida Department of Education. Capital Outlay funding is based on enrollment and is intended to help offset the cost of the school buildings. The amount of revenue received for fiscal year 2025 was \$2,123,770 which is an increase of \$148,968 or 7.5% over the previous year.
- The Cape Coral Charter School Authority is eligible to receive Local Capital Improvement (LCI) Funds from the School District of Lee County. For the 2024-25 school year, the distribution amount for each eligible charter school increased to 40% of the maximum calculated amount from 20% the prior year resulting in revenue of \$2,080,150 for fiscal year 2025, which is an increase of 128% over the previous year. This funding will increase over the next fiscal years until the distribution amount reaches 100% of the maximum calculated amount.
- TAPS - TAPS is an acronym used by the Florida Department of Education Grants Management team and stands for tracking applications. Revenues for the Safety and Security grant increased by \$30,055 or 184.9%. This is due to an increase in qualifying expenses.

General Revenues increased by \$1,201,377 or 4.39%:

- The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) is the funding formula adopted by the Legislature in 1973 to allocate funds appropriated to school districts for K-12 public school operations. The FEFP allocates funds to each school based on actual student enrollment through surveys on student enrollment three times a year. The major source of revenue for the Charter Schools is the funding from FEFP of \$27,735,049 which represents 70.6% of the total revenues. FEFP funding increased by \$1,126,793 or 4.2% from the prior fiscal year.
- Interest income of \$833,888 represents 2.12% of total revenue. Current fiscal year interest income increased by \$74,584 or 96.9% from the prior fiscal year due to increases in market rates as well as an increase in cash balances.

Expense

The following table represents expenses by program:

Expense by Program

Program	2025	2024
Instruction Basic (FEFP K-12)	\$ 19,710,982	\$ 21,640,767
Operation of Plant	4,161,280	3,948,441
School Administration	3,154,459	2,854,860
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	480,019	535,864
Pupil Transportation Services	2,104,404	1,973,851
Food Services	1,702,568	1,605,002
General Administration	515,224	577,679
Maintenance of Plant	192,238	225,483
Data Processing Services	616,357	633,159
Fiscal Services	655,980	804,384
Pupil Personnel Services	293,942	387,132
Health Services	381,284	387,131
Other Pupil Personnel Services	865,067	646,828
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE Diploma Program)	215,203	171,027
Exceptional Education Services	78,238	158,083
Instructional Media Services	135,155	151,092
Interest	68,234	42,403
Board	46,557	48,222
Instructional Staff Training Services	52,050	47,935
Community Services	38,885	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 35,468,126</u>	<u>\$ 36,839,343</u>

Total expenses of \$35,468,126 decreased by \$1,371,217 or 3.7% from \$36,839,343 in fiscal year 2024.

The most significant expense of the Charter School is salaries, wages and employee benefits which represents 66.0% of total expenses for the year. Total salaries, wages and employee benefits decreased by \$2,026,219 to \$23,396,353 or an 8.0% decrease as compared to \$25,422,572 in the prior year. The decrease is due to a reduction in Florida Retirement System (FRS) related expenses.

Contractual services, materials, and supplies of \$9,789,370 represent 27.6% of total expenses. Contractual services increased by \$523,663 or 5.7% from \$9,265,707 in the prior fiscal year due to expenses related to the various server refurbishments and safety projects.

The depreciation and amortization expense of \$2,214,168 represents 6.2% of total expenses. Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$105,506 or 5.0% from \$2,108,662 in the prior fiscal year. This increase is due to a rise in depreciable assets. In fiscal year 2025, there was \$265,742 in assets that were either disposed of or retired. The interest expense of \$68,234 represents 0.2% of total expenses. Interest expense increased by \$25,831 or 60.9% from \$42,403 in the prior fiscal year due to the recognition of new Subscription Based IT Arrangements.

Capital Assets

The Cape Coral Charter School Authority's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2025, is \$8,433,977 (net of accumulated depreciation).

The following table provides capital asset information as of June 30, 2025:

	2025	2024
Work in Progress	\$ 129,204	\$ 182,013
Equipment	580,619	444,398
Vehicles	603,713	734,766
Leasehold improvements	487,843	499,278
Right-to-use leased equipment	185,978	227,812
Right-to-use leased buildings	5,811,461	2,923,281
SBITA	635,159	34,666
Totals	<u>\$ 8,433,977</u>	<u>\$ 5,046,214</u>

Total capital assets increased by \$3,387,763 or 67.1% during the current fiscal year. The change is comprised of an increase of \$5,738,469 in new assets and an increase of \$129,204 in work in progress, offset by \$518,226 in accumulated depreciation, \$1,695,942 in accumulated amortization and net total dispositions of \$265,742. During fiscal year 2025, the following capital assets were purchased and installed: LED sign, network switches, security cameras, and a shipping container. Additionally, there was an amendment signed extending the building lease by three years. During fiscal year 2025, the Charter Authority inventoried their capital assets and disposed of those assets that had exceeded their useful life and were deemed useless, including six school buses. The proceeds were reported under proceeds on sale of capital assets.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2025, the Cape Coral Charter School Authority had \$6,683,799 in long term debt obligations. The following is a schedule of outstanding leases as of June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024:

	2025	2024	Percentage Change
Leases Payable	\$ 6,060,818	\$ 3,199,373	89.4%
SBITA Payable	622,981	34,599	1,700.6%
	<u>\$ 6,683,799</u>	<u>\$ 3,233,972</u>	<u>106.7%</u>

Total debt increased by \$3,449,827 or 106.7%, during the current fiscal year. The total debt increase is a result of the Amendment to the Building Lease with an extension to 2029 and new Software Subscriptions.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Cape Coral Charter School Authority must consider several factors specific to the operation of the schools in establishing next year's budget.

For fiscal year 2025, the Authority realized an increase of \$3,792,877 in net position.

The primary funding source for the Charter School is the FEFP which establishes an annual full-time equivalent (FTE) student allocation. Therefore, one of the most important considerations must be student enrollment. In addition, state and federal budget legislation can have a significant impact on the funding level per student. In the fiscal year 2026 adopted budget, there is an increase of 43 enrolled students at Oasis High School. For the 2025-2026 school year, an increase of \$222 per student for FEFP funding is anticipated.

All four Charter Schools maintain an “A” rating with the Florida Department of Education and are considered valued assets to the City of Cape Coral.

The Administration considers all of these factors in preparing the Cape Coral Charter School Authority's budget for fiscal year 2026.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to present users with a general overview of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information, should be directed to the Cape Coral Charter School Authority through the Financial Services Department of the City of Cape Coral, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990.



Basic Financial Statements



Statement of Net Position June 30, 2025

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,748,395
Accounts receivable	29,339
Intergovernmental receivables	374,224
Prepaid expense	145,965
Capital assets not being depreciated	129,204
Capital assets, net	8,304,773
Total assets	<u>31,731,900</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows related to pension	<u>4,157,558</u>
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LIABILITIES**Current liabilities**

Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	803,547
Accrued payroll	231,600
Due to City of Cape Coral	239,932
Unearned revenue	45,050

Noncurrent liabilities:

Due within one year	1,811,062
Due in more than one year	5,800,514
Net pension liability	13,379,377
Total liabilities	<u>22,311,082</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows related to pension	<u>2,300,241</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,300,241

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	1,750,178
Restricted	1,090,423
Unrestricted	8,437,534
Total net position	<u>\$ 11,278,135</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
					Unit Activities
Instruction Basic (FEFP K-12)	\$ 19,710,982	\$ 699,535	\$ 2,299,923	\$ -	\$ (16,711,524)
Exceptional Education Services	78,238	-	-	-	(78,238)
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE Diploma Program)	215,203	-	797,192	-	581,989
Pupil Personnel Services	293,942	-	-	-	(293,942)
Health Services	381,284	-	-	-	(381,284)
Other Pupil Personnel Services	865,067	-	-	-	(865,067)
Instructional Media Services	135,155	17,566	-	-	(117,589)
Instructional Staff Training Services	52,050	-	47,543	-	(4,507)
Board	46,557	-	-	-	(46,557)
General Administration	515,224	425,832	-	-	(89,392)
School Administration	3,154,459	55,591	-	-	(3,098,868)
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	480,019	-	-	-	(480,019)
Fiscal Services	655,980	-	-	-	(655,980)
Food Services	1,702,568	1,248,191	678,601	-	224,224
Data Processing Services	616,357	-	60,497	-	(555,860)
Pupil Transportation Services	2,104,404	88,950	-	-	(2,015,454)
Operation of Plant	4,161,280	-	-	4,269,370	108,090
Maintenance of Plant	192,238	3,275	-	-	(188,963)
Community Services	38,885	-	-	-	(38,885)
Interest	68,234	-	-	-	(68,234)
Totals	<u>\$ 35,468,126</u>	<u>\$ 2,538,940</u>	<u>\$ 3,883,756</u>	<u>\$ 4,269,370</u>	<u>\$ (24,776,060)</u>

General Revenues:

Florida Education Finance Program (State through Lee County School District)	\$ 27,735,049
Interest income	833,888
Total general revenues	<u>28,568,937</u>
Change in net position	3,792,877
Net position - beginning	7,485,258
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 11,278,135</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025

ASSETS	General Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,748,395
Receivables, net	29,339
Intergovernmental receivables	374,224
Prepaid items	145,965
Total assets	<u>23,297,923</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	803,547
Accrued wages and benefits	231,600
Due to City of Cape Coral	239,932
Unearned revenue	45,050
Total liabilities	<u>1,320,129</u>
 DEFFERED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenue – grant reimbursement	<u>213</u>
 FUND BALANCES	
Nonspendable	145,965
Restricted	1,090,423
Committed	4,925,500
Encumbrances	770,554
Unassigned	15,045,139
Total fund balances	<u>21,977,581</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u><u>\$ 23,297,923</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2025**

Total fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 21,977,581
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:		
Capital assets	17,729,947	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(9,295,970)</u>	8,433,977
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension liability are not recognized in the governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		4,157,558
Long-term liabilities, including debt payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported as fund liabilities. These liabilities consist of:		
Compensated absences	(927,777)	
Leases payable	(6,060,818)	
SBITA payable	<u>(622,981)</u>	(7,611,576)
Net pension liability is not recognized in the government funds; however, it is recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting		(13,379,377)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension liability are not recognized in the governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		(2,300,241)
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and are reported as deferred inflows in the funds.		213
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 11,278,135</u></u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025

Revenues:	<u>General Fund</u>
Federal Direct Sources	
JROTC Reimbursable Charges	\$ 116,019
Federal through State Sources	
NSLP Lunch Reimbursement	575,807
NSLP Breakfast Reimbursement	102,794
Federal through Local Sources	
Title II-A Funding	47,543
Title IV Funding	60,497
State through Local Sources	
Florida Education Finance Program	27,735,049
Florida Teachers Salary Allocation	1,277,779
Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO)	2,123,770
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)	720,503
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)	797,192
TAPS - Safety & Security	65,450
Industry Certification	180,392
Local Sources	
Food Service Sales	1,248,191
Local Capital Improvement Funds	2,080,150
Transportation Service Charges	88,950
Contributions and Donations	93,913
Interest Income	833,888
Other Revenue	1,268,818
Total Revenues	<u>39,416,705</u>
Expenditures:	
Instruction Basic (FEFP K-12)	19,699,323
Exceptional Education Services	75,406
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)	215,203
Guidance Services	294,302
Health Services	378,660
Other Pupil Personnel Services	868,832
Instructional Media Services	133,872
Instructional Staff Training Services	52,050
Board	46,557
General Administration	502,683
School Administration	2,899,390
Fiscal Services	655,980
Food Services	1,699,990
Data Processing Services	444,302
Pupil Transportation Services	1,980,705
Operation of Plant	2,520,517
Maintenance of Plant	158,672
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	480,019
Community Services	38,885
Capital Outlay	1,344,615
Debt Service:	
Principal	1,692,956
Interest and Fiscal Charges	68,234
Total Expenditures	<u>36,251,153</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>3,165,552</u>
Other Financing Sources:	
Proceeds from SBITA	793,483
Proceeds from Leases	8,253
Proceeds on sale of capital assets	37,750
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>839,486</u>
Net change in Fund Balance	<u>4,005,038</u>
Fund balance - beginning	17,972,543
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 21,977,581</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds		\$ 4,005,038
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.		
Capital outlay	1,344,615	
Depreciation, amortization and loss on disposals	<u>(2,297,898)</u>	(953,283)
Certain revenues not considered available are not recognized in the governmental funds but are included in the statement of activities.		
		(193,453)
Changes to compensated absences		
		(138,384)
The issuance of debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long term debt consumes the current financial resources of the governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has an effect on net position.		
Principal on leases	1,487,855	
Principal on SBITA	205,101	
Proceeds from SBITA	(793,483)	
Proceeds from leases	<u>(8,253)</u>	891,220
Net effect of pension related expenses which decrease net position		
		181,739
Change in net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 3,792,877</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements



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Note I. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

1. Organization

The Cape Coral Charter School Authority ("Authority") was created for the purpose of operating and managing, on behalf of the City of Cape Coral ("City"), all charter schools for which a charter is held by the City. The powers of the Authority are exercised through a governing board, which is known as the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Board which provides governance of the charter schools. Seven (7) members of the governing board are appointed by the City Council, including one member of the City Council. The charter school superintendent serves as an "ex officio member" of the board. The parent members from each school level also serve as "ex officio" members of the board. The Charter School Superintendent and parent members are non-voting members. The City Council approves the Charter School Authority's budget and must approve any debt issuances. The Cape Coral Charter School Authority will be presented as a discretely presented component unit within the City of Cape Coral's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Charter School Authority has no component unit of its own.

2. Related Organization

The Cape Coral Municipal Charter Schools Foundation ("Foundation") was established in October 2004 as the fundraising arm of the City of Cape Coral Municipal Charter School system. The Foundation is a legally separate 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a separate governing board. Because the Authority does not appoint a voting majority of the Foundation's governing body, and the Foundation is not fiscally dependent upon the Authority, the financial information of the Foundation has not been included within these financial statements of the Authority since the Foundation does not meet the requirements of a component unit for financial reporting purposes.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, which along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The Cape Coral Charter School Authority is reported as a governmental fund and it is used to account for the operating financial resources of the Authority.

4. Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Activities, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance. These statements report all assets, liabilities, deferred inflows and outflows of resources, revenues, and expenses, providing a financial picture of the Cape Coral Charter School Authority as a whole.

The Statement of Net Position reports all non-fiduciary financial and capital resources and obligations of the Authority as a whole. The difference between assets and deferred outflows, and liabilities and deferred inflows is reported as net position.

The Statement of Activities summarizes the Authority's revenues and expenses for the current year. A net (expense) revenue format is used to indicate to what extent each function is self-sufficient.

The balance sheet discloses the assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance of the Authority at a specified date.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance reports revenues and expenditures resulting in a change in fund balance for the period and total ending fund balance.

5. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized and reported in the financial statements. The Cape Coral Charter School Authority's Government-wide Financial Statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Since the governmental fund statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statements, a reconciliation is presented which briefly explains the adjustments necessary to transform the fund based financial statements into the governmental activities of the government-wide presentation.

Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual (i.e. both measurable and available). "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Authority considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end.

6. Cash and Investments

Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, limits the types of investments that a government can invest in unless specifically authorized in an investment policy. On August 8, 2011, the City of Cape Coral adopted a revised comprehensive investment policy pursuant to Section 218.415, Florida Statutes that established permitted investments, asset allocation limits, issuer limits, credit rating requirements, and maturity limits to protect cash and investment assets. This policy is adopted as the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Board's investment policy as stipulated in section 6144 of the Charter School bylaws. The Charter School Authority maintains a common cash and investment pool for the use of all funds. The investment policy applies to all cash and investments held or controlled by the Charter School Authority.

The cash deposits are held by a bank that qualifies as a public depository under the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

As of June 30, 2025, the Authority's investment portfolio did not include any investments that are required to be held by a third-party custodian.

Detailed information on allowable investments and actual holdings can be found in Note III, Detailed Notes 1: Cash and Investments.

7. Accounts and Intergovernmental Receivables

Receivables are monies due to the Cape Coral Charter School Authority at the end of the fiscal year. Receivables are distinguished between those due from other governmental agencies including the City of Cape Coral and those due from non-governmental sources (accounts receivable). Both are described in Note III, Detailed Notes 2: Intergovernmental Receivables.

8. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the Authority as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized but are expensed as incurred.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over the useful lives of the related assets. The depreciable life of each asset is determined by City of Cape Coral Administrative Regulation 51 and complies with generally accepted accounting principles.

Asset	Years
Equipment	3-10
Buildings	20-40
Vehicles	5-10
Leasehold Improvements	10
Computer Software	3

9. Long-term Liabilities

Compensated Absences – The Authority permits employees to accumulate earned but unused leave, which will be paid to the employee upon separation if certain criteria is met. These benefits plus the related taxes are classified as compensated absences.

10. Leases and Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)

Leases: The Authority is a lessee for noncancellable leases of buildings and equipment. The Authority recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use leased asset in the government-wide financial statements. Leased assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

At the commencement of a lease, the Authority initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized over the term of the lease.

Key estimates and judgements related to leases include how the Authority determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

The Authority uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Authority generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are comprised of fixed payments and any purchase option price that the Authority is reasonably certain to exercise. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended.

The Authority monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Variable payments that depend on an index or a rate (such as the Consumer Price Index or a market interest rate) are initially measured using the index or rate as of the commencement of the lease term.

The Authority does not currently hold any leases as a lessor.

Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA): The Charter School Authority has entered into Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements with various software providers. In May 2020, GASB introduced a new standard, 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.

To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended.

A SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

The subscription term includes the period during which a government has a noncancellable right to use the underlying IT assets. The subscription term also includes periods covered by an option to extend (if it is reasonably certain that the government or SBITA vendor will exercise that option) or to terminate (if it is reasonably certain that the government or SBITA vendor will *not* exercise that option).

Under this Statement, the Authority has recognized a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability. The Authority recognized the subscription liability at the commencement of the subscription term, —which is when the subscription asset is placed into service. The subscription liability was initially measured at the present value of subscription payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Future subscription payments should be discounted using the interest rate the SBITA vendor charges the government, which may be implicit, or the government's incremental borrowing rate if the interest rate is not readily determinable. A government should recognize amortization of the discount on the subscription liability as an outflow of resources (for example, interest expense) in subsequent financial reporting periods.

This Statement provides an exception for short-term SBITAs. Short-term SBITAs have a maximum possible term under the SBITA contract of 12 months (or less), including any options to extend, regardless of their probability of being exercised. Subscription payments for short-term SBITAs should be recognized as outflows of resources.

This Statement requires a government to disclose descriptive information about its SBITAs other than short-term SBITAs, such as the amount of the subscription asset, accumulated amortization, other payments not included in the measurement of a subscription liability, principal and interest requirements for the subscription liability, and other essential information.

11. Fund Balance and Net Position

Fund Balance

The Authority uses restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the Authority would first use committed fund balance, followed by assigned fund balance, and then unassigned fund balance when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

The Authority established restricted fund balances in the General Fund for Local Capital Improvement Revenue (S.1013.62, Florida Statutes). These fund balances are restricted by Florida Statute as set forth in the annual budget and any amendments thereto.

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints within the Authority's fund balance.

Non-Spendable Fund Balance: Amounts that are (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. "Not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash (such as inventories and prepaid amounts) and items such as the long-term amount of loans and notes receivable, as well as property acquired for resale. The corpus (or principal) of a permanent fund is an example of an amount that is legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance: Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by (a) external resource providers such as creditors (through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance: Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Governing Board; the Charter Authority's highest level of decision-making authority.

Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Board taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally, which is by resolution.

Assigned Fund Balance: Portion that reflects a government's intended use of resources. Includes spendable fund balance amounts established by management of the Authority that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance: Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents a fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

Unrestricted Fund Balance: The total of committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance.

In the general fund, the Authority strives to maintain an unassigned balance of 5% of annual resources of the general fund. This is the target that the unassigned fund balance should not fall below without establishing a replenishment plan. The Authority established the following committed fund balance reserves:

Textbooks: The Textbooks reserve fund balance is established to fund replacement of textbooks every four years spreading the costs equally over time at 25% per year of forecasted cost of textbooks at the time of replacement.

Student laptop computer reserve: The school-by-school student laptop computer reserve fund balance is established to replace student laptop computers at each school every four years spreading the costs equally over time at 25% per year to ensure funds are available for the forecasted cost of student laptop computers at the time of replacement.

Information Technology equipment reserve: The information technology equipment reserve fund balance is established to replace information technology at each school every seven years spreading the costs equally over time to ensure funds are available for the forecasted cost of information technology equipment at the time of replacement.

Playground Equipment: The playground equipment reserve fund balance is established to replace the playground equipment at the North and South Elementary Schools every ten years spreading the costs equally over time to ensure funds are available for the forecasted cost of playground equipment at the time of replacement.

Detailed information on fund balances can be found in Note III, Detailed Notes 7: Fund Balances.

Net Position

Net Position of the government-wide funds is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. The first category represents net position related to capital assets. The restricted category represents the balance of assets restricted by requirements of revenue bonds and other externally imposed constraints by legislation in excess of the related liabilities payable from restricted assets. The unrestricted net position category represents all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets". When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available.

12. Intergovernmental Revenue

Federal Revenue Sources

Cape Coral Charter School Authority receives federal monies distributed through the Florida Department of Education for the National School Lunch Program.

The Authority receives Title II-A funding, which is designed to increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality, increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom, and ensuring that highly qualified principals and assistant principals service in schools while holding local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement.

Title IV is a block grant that supports the needs for improvement in three key areas: access to and opportunities for a well-rounded education, safe and supportive conditions for learning, and access to personalized learning experiences supported by technology. In fiscal year 2025, all schools received Title IV funding.

Oasis High School receives reimbursement from the Army Junior Reserve Officer (JROTC) program. This funding is to offset approximately 50% of the cost of the three JROTC instructors' salaries. The program is offered to high schools that teach students character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity. It is a cooperative effort between the Army and the high schools to produce successful students and citizens, while fostering in each school a more constructive and disciplined learning environment.

State Revenue Sources

Revenue from State sources for current operations is primarily from the Florida Education Finance Program, administered by the Florida Department of Education under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes. In accordance with the law, the Cape Coral Charter School Authority determines and reports to the Lee County School District the number of full-time equivalent students (FTE). The Department performs certain edit checks on the reported number of FTE students and remits funding based on the Department's current year adopted allocations.

The Cape Coral Charter School Authority is eligible to receive Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funding from the State of Florida Department of Education. Capital Outlay funding is based on enrollment and is intended to help offset the cost of the school buildings.

Funding is received from the Florida Department of Education for the Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE) at Oasis High School. This program funds teacher bonuses and additional costs to operate the Cambridge curriculum program. Funding is determined by the number of students participating in the program and the AICE testing results.

The Authority receives funding for the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program which provides funding to teachers for the purchase of classroom supplies each September. This program was funded by the Florida legislature for the 2024-2025 school year. Future funding is contingent upon legislative approval.

The Authority receives funding for Teacher Salary Allocation which provides funding to increase compensation for full-time classroom teachers assisting school districts in their recruitment and retention of classroom teachers and instructional personnel.

The Authority receives funding from the School Board of Lee County as a program beneficiary from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Act (CRRSA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In December 2020, the CARES Act was expanded through the CRRSA to address the areas most impacted by the disruption and closure of schools due to COVID-19. In March 2021, a third round of funding was added through ARPA to provide resources for safely reopening schools and address loss of learning in students.

TAPS is an acronym used by the FDOE Grants Management team and stands for Tracking Applications. The Authority receives TAPS Safety & Security. This funding is used specifically for the purpose of Building Safety and Security needs for the school buildings. The Authority also received TAPS Science of Reading Theory and TAPS School Improvement Program funds, this funding is used specifically for Reading and ESE programs.

13. Pensions

In the government-wide statement of net position, liabilities are recognized for the Authority's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS), and additions to/deductions from

FRS's and HIS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS and HIS plans. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

14. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that period. The deferred outflows of resources reported in the Authority's statement of net position pertain to the Authority's participation in the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that period. The deferred inflows of resources reported in the Authority's statement of net position pertain to the Authority's participation in the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program.

Additionally, unavailable revenue (a deferred inflow of resources) is recorded for governmental fund receivables that are not available. For this purpose, the Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year.

The potential components of deferred inflows or outflows relating to pensions include differences between expected and actual economic experience, changes in actuarial assumptions, the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, changes in proportion between Authority contributions and the proportionate share of contributions, and the Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date.

15. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

16. Unearned Revenue

Revenue cannot be recognized until it has been earned and is available to finance expenditures of the current fiscal period. Revenue that is earned but not available is reported as deferred inflow of resources in the General Fund until such time as the revenue becomes available.

17. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note II. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

1. Compliance with Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

The Authority believes it is not in violation of any finance-related legal or contractual provisions.

Note III. Detailed Notes

1. Cash and Investments

As of June 30, 2025, the Cape Coral Charter School Authority had the following cash and investment amounts:

Category	Fair Value
Checking and savings accounts	\$ 3,356,808
Cash on hand	881
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Prime (SBA)	9,256,814
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Safe	2,657,558
Intergovernmental Investment Pool - Florida Class	7,476,334
Total	<u>\$ 22,748,395</u>

A. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The cash deposits are held by a bank that qualifies as a public depository under the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

B. Investment Portfolio

Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, limits the types of investments that a government can invest in unless specifically authorized in an investment policy. On August 8, 2011, the City of Cape Coral adopted a revised comprehensive investment policy pursuant to Section 218.415, Florida Statutes that established permitted investments, asset allocation limits, issuer limits, credit rating requirements, and maturity limits to protect cash and investment assets. This policy is adopted as the Cape Coral Charter School Authority Board's investment policy as stipulated in section 6144 of the Charter School bylaws. The Charter School Authority maintains a common cash and investment pool for the use of all funds. The investment policy applies to all cash and investments held or controlled by the Charter School Authority.

The Charter School Authority's investment policy allows for the following investments:

- Florida PRIME
- United States Government Securities, unconditionally guaranteed by the United States Government
- United States Government Agencies, issued or guaranteed by United States Government agencies
- Federal Instrumentalities, issued or guaranteed by United States Government sponsored agencies
- Non-Negotiable Interest-Bearing Time Certificates of Deposit or Saving Accounts, in banks organized under the laws of the state and/or in national banks organized under the laws of the United States and doing business and situated in the State of Florida
- Repurchase Agreements
- Commercial Paper, of any United States company that is rated at the time of purchase
- Bankers' Acceptances, issued by a domestic bank or a federally chartered domestic office of a foreign bank
- State and/or Local Government Taxable and/or Tax-Exempt Debt
- Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds), that are registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R § 270.2a-7
- Intergovernmental Investment Pools, that are authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes Intergovernmental Investment Pools. A maximum of 25% of available funds may be invested in the intergovernmental investment pools
- Corporate Notes, issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States

- Corporate Obligations, issued by financial institutions that participate in the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program and are fully insured by the FDIC and guaranteed by the United States Government
- Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) that are based on mortgages that are guaranteed by a government agency or GSE for payment
- Asset-Backed Securities (ABS) that are backed by financial assets
- Bond Funds

As of June 30, 2025, the Charter School Authority had the following investment types and effective duration presented in terms of years:

Security Type	Fair Value	Weighted Average Duration (Years)
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Prime (SBA)	\$ 9,256,814	0.13
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Prime Safe	2,657,558	0.10
Intergovernmental Investment Pool - Florida Class	7,476,334	0.10
Total Fair Value	\$ 19,390,706	
Portfolio Weighted Average Duration		0.11

C. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction. In determining this amount, three valuation techniques are available:

Market approach: This approach uses prices generated for identical or similar assets or liabilities. The most common example is an investment in a public security traded in an active exchange such as the NYSE.

Cost approach: This technique determines the amount required to replace the current asset. This approach may be ideal for the valuation of donations of capital assets or historical treasures.

Income approach: This approach converts future amounts (such as cash flows) into a current discounted amount.

Each of these valuation techniques requires inputs to calculate a fair value. Observable inputs should be maximized in fair value measures, and unobservable inputs should be minimized.

As of June 30, 2025, the Authority had the following investment measurements by security type:

	Total Fair Value
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value (NAV)	
Intergovernmental Investment Pool - Florida Class	\$ 7,476,334
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Safe	2,657,558
Investment Measured at Amortized Cost	
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Prime (SBA)	9,256,814
Total Investments	\$ 19,390,706

Investment in Florida CLASS are redeemed daily.

The Florida Class ("FLCLASS") and Florida Safe ("FLSAFE") investment pools seek to generate competitive market returns in a manner that will provide safety of principal while meeting the liquidity needs of participants.

The SBA Pool Florida PRIME manages billions of dollars for Florida local governments and purchases investments consistent with Chapter 215.47, Florida Statutes. Florida PRIME currently meets all of the necessary criteria to elect to measure all of the investments in Florida PRIME at amortized cost. Thus, the pool operates essentially as a money market fund, but is classified as an external investment pool.

Qualifying local government investment pools in the state of Florida must comply with applicable Florida statutory requirements. Chapter 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes state that the principal balance within a LGIP trust fund is subject to withdrawal at any time. However, upon the occurrence of an event that materially impacts the liquidity or operations of the trust fund, the Executive Director may, in good faith, temporarily limit contributions to and withdrawals from the trust fund for up to 48 hours to ensure that the Board can properly invest and safeguard the monies entrusted to it in accordance with its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the Trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, the Investment Advisory Council, and the Participant Local Government Advisory Council.

With regard to liquidity fees, Chapter 208.409(4) provides authority for an LGIP to impose penalties for early withdrawal, subject to disclosure in the enrollment materials of the amount and purpose of such fees. At present, no such disclosure has been made by the SBA.

D. Interest Rate Risk

The Charter School Authority's investment policy sets limits for investment maturities to match known cash needs and anticipated cash flow requirements. Investments of current operating funds shall have maturities of no longer than twenty-four (24) months. Investments of bond reserves, construction funds, and other non-operating funds, "core funds," shall have a term appropriate to the need for funds and in accordance with debt covenants, but in no event shall exceed five (5) years. The maturities of the underlying securities of a repurchase agreement will follow the requirements of the Master Repurchase Agreement.

The Authority utilizes "effective duration" as a measurement of interest rate risk and, as of June 30, 2025 the investment portfolio had an effective duration of .11 years.

Credit Risk

The Authority's investments on June 30, 2025 are limited to credit quality ratings from nationally recognized rating agencies as follows:

Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds)

- Rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's or the equivalent by another rating agency.
- Open-end, no-load funds registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. § 270.2a-7.
- Other mutual funds, at the discretion of the Financial Services Director, provided they are registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, invest exclusively in the securities specifically permitted under this investment policy, and are similarly diversified.

Intergovernmental Investment Pools

- Rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's or the equivalent by another rating agency.
- Authorized pursuant to the Florida Inter-local Cooperation Act, (Section 163.01, Florida Statutes), provided that said funds contain no derivatives.

As of June 30, 2025, the Authority had the following credit exposure as a percentage of total investments:

Security Type	S&P Credit	
	Rating	% of Portfolio
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Prime (SBA)	AAAm	47.45%
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Safe	AAAm	15.30%
Intergovernmental Investment Pool - Florida Class	AAAm	37.25%
		<u>100.00%</u>

E. Custodial Credit Risk

The Authority's investment policy, pursuant to Section 218.415(18), Florida Statutes, requires securities, with the exception of certificates of deposits, shall be held with a third-party custodian; and all securities purchased by, and all collateral obtained by the Authority should be properly designated as an asset of the Authority. The securities must be held in an account separate and apart from the assets of the financial institution. A third party custodian is defined as any bank depository chartered by the Federal Government, the State of Florida, or any other state or territory of the United States which has a branch or principal place of business in the State of Florida, or by a national association organized and existing under the laws of the United States which is authorized to accept and execute trusts and which is doing business in the State of Florida. Certificates of deposits will be placed in the provider's safekeeping department for the term of the deposit.

As of June 30, 2025, the Authority's investment portfolio did not include any investments that are required to be held by a third-party custodian.

F. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Authority's investment policy has established asset allocation and issuer limits on certain investments, which is designed to reduce concentration of credit risk of the Authority's investment portfolio. Since the Authority is invested in Florida PRIME, which is a local government investment pool, a maximum of 75% of available funds may be invested in this investment category. The Authority is also invested in Florida Class, an Intergovernmental Investment Pool, which allows for a maximum of 75% investment in this category. Additionally, the Authority utilizes Bank United checking account as an investment tool, through which unlimited investing may be done.

As of June 30, 2025, the Authority had the following issuer concentration based on fair value:

Issuer	Fair Value	Percentage of
		Portfolio
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Prime (SBA)	\$ 9,256,814	47.73%
Local Government Investment Pool - Florida Safe	2,657,558	13.70%
Intergovernmental Investment Pool - Florida Class	7,476,334	38.57%
	<u>\$ 19,390,706</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

2. Receivables

Accounts Receivable

Other AR	\$ 29,339
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 29,339</u>

Intergovernmental Receivables

Due from City of Cape Coral	\$ 18,744
Florida Department of Education Grants	24,454
JROTC	5,525
Public Educational Capital Outlay (PECO)	175,552
Title II-A	6,172
Miscellaneous Receivables	143,777
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>\$ 374,224</u>

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

Capital Assets	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Work in progress	\$ 182,013	\$ 129,204	\$ (182,013)	\$ 129,204
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Equipment	2,226,407	415,336	(297,636)	2,344,107
Vehicles	1,942,618	-	(532,100)	1,410,518
Leasehold improvements	1,145,779	180,352	(295,196)	1,030,935
Computer software	13,700	-	-	13,700
Lease assets:				
Equipment	260,513	8,253	-	268,766
Buildings	7,308,201	4,341,045	-	11,649,246
Subscription Assets	158,244	793,483	(68,256)	883,471
Capital assets, being depreciated	<u>13,055,462</u>	<u>5,738,469</u>	<u>(1,193,188)</u>	<u>17,600,743</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Equipment	(1,782,009)	(227,639)	246,160	(1,763,488)
Vehicles	(1,207,852)	(131,053)	532,100	(806,805)
Leasehold improvements	(646,501)	(159,534)	262,943	(543,092)
Computer software	(13,700)	-	-	(13,700)
Lease assets:				
Equipment	(32,701)	(50,087)	-	(82,788)
Buildings	(4,384,920)	(1,452,865)	-	(5,837,785)
Subscription Assets	<u>(123,578)</u>	<u>(192,990)</u>	<u>68,256</u>	<u>(248,312)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(8,191,261)</u>	<u>(2,214,168)</u>	<u>1,109,459</u>	<u>(9,295,970)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>4,864,201</u>	<u>3,524,301</u>	<u>(83,729)</u>	<u>8,304,773</u>
Total capital assets, net	\$ <u>5,046,214</u>	\$ <u>3,653,505</u>	\$ <u>(265,742)</u>	\$ <u>8,433,977</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Instruction Basic (FEFP K-12)	\$ 19,664
General Administration	2,442
School Administration	287,794
Food Services	8,963
Data Processing Services	120,578
Pupil Transportation Services	131,053
Operation of Plant	1,608,508
Maintenance of Plant	33,567
Health Services	1,599
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$ <u>2,214,168</u>

4. Related Party Transactions

The City of Cape Coral, a related party, performs various services for the Authority and invoices the Authority monthly. These services relate to accounting, budget, human resources, fleet maintenance, facility maintenance, security and school resource officers, information technology, health insurance, and custodial services. The amount incurred for these services for the year ended June 30, 2025 was \$7,181,234.

The City of Cape Coral and the Authority have entered into a lease agreement for the use of school buildings. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, the total rental expense for the fiscal year amounted to \$1,500,000.

As of June 30, 2025, \$239,932 of the total was Due to the City of Cape Coral.

5. Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Leases payable	\$ 3,199,373	\$ 4,349,298	\$ (1,487,853)	\$ 6,060,818	\$ 1,496,869
SBITA Payable	34,599	793,483	(205,101)	622,981	162,966
Total capital related	3,233,972	5,142,781	(1,692,954)	6,683,799	1,659,835
Compensated absences	789,394	267,054	(128,671)	927,777	151,227
Total	\$ 4,023,366	\$ 5,409,835	\$ (1,821,625)	\$ 7,611,576	\$ 1,811,062

The Authority is a lessee for noncancellable leases of buildings and equipment. At June 30, 2025, the Authority's lease payable of \$6,060,818 was composed of the following:

On July 1, 2021, the Charter School Authority entered into a 96 month lease as lessee for the use of CS Building Lease. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$7,308,203. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability is \$5,872,155, and the value of the short-term lease liability is \$1,444,813. The Charter School Authority is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$125,000. The lease has an interest rate of 1.0590%. The buildings estimated useful life was 96 months as of the contract commencement. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2025 of \$11,649,246 with accumulated amortization of \$5,837,785 is included with buildings. \$ 5,872,155

On October 1, 2023, the Charter School Authority entered into a 63 month lease as lessee for the use of Canon Copiers. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$260,513. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability is \$182,019, and the value of the short-term lease liability is \$50,459. The Charter School Authority is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$4,273. The lease has an interest rate of 0.5140%. The equipment estimated useful life was 63 months as of the contract commencement. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2025 of \$260,513 with accumulated amortization of \$81,546 is included with equipment. 182,019

On June 12, 2024, the Charter School Authority entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a Quadient mail machine. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$8,253. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability is \$6,244, and the value of the short-term lease liability is \$1,596. The Charter School Authority is required to make quarterly fixed payments of \$439. The lease has an interest rate of 2.6160%. The equipment estimated useful life was 60 months as of the contract commencement. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2025 of \$8,253 with accumulated amortization of \$1,240 is included with equipment. 6,644

Total leases payable **\$ 6,060,818**

Principal and Interest Requirements to Maturity			
For the Year ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 1,496,869	\$ 56,066	\$ 1,552,935
2027	1,512,546	40,637	1,553,183
2028	1,528,389	25,042	1,553,431
2029	1,523,014	9,281	1,532,295
Total	\$ 6,060,818	\$ 131,026	\$ 6,191,844

The Authority entered into Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) with a noncancellable right to use the underlying IT assets of software subscriptions. At June 30, 2025, the Authority's subscription payable of \$622,981 was composed of the following:

On July 1, 2022, the Charter School Authority entered into a 48 month subscription for the use of Centegix Crisis Alert System. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$27,562. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the subscription liability is \$6,920. The Charter School Authority is required to make annual fixed payments of \$6,966. The subscription has an interest rate of 0.6710%. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2025 of \$27,562 with accumulated amortization of \$20,557 is included with software on the subscription class activities table found below.

\$ 6,920

On August 20, 2024, the Charter School Authority entered into a 36 month subscription for the use of Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$47,217. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the subscription liability is \$31,520, and the value of the short-term subscription liability is \$15,522. The Charter School Authority is required to make annual fixed payments of \$16,489. The subscription has an interest rate of 3.0670%. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2025 of \$47,217 with accumulated amortization of \$8,647 is included with software on the subscription class activities table found below.

31,520

On June 13, 2024, the Charter School Authority entered into a 60 month subscription for the use of Nutanix Cloud FY 25. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$738,637. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the subscription liability is \$584,541, and the value of the short-term subscription liability is \$140,524. The Charter School Authority is required to make annual fixed payments of \$155,815. The subscription has an interest rate of 2.6160%. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2025 of \$738,637 with accumulated amortization of \$155,113 is included with software on the subscription class activities table found below

584,541

Total subscriptions payable

\$ 622,981

Principal and Interest Requirements to Maturity

For the Year ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 162,966	\$ 16,305	\$ 179,271
2027	160,200	12,106	172,306
2028	147,972	7,843	155,815
2029	151,843	3,972	155,815
Total	<u>\$ 622,981</u>	<u>\$ 40,226</u>	<u>\$ 663,207</u>

6. Fund Balances

Fund balances for governmental funds at June 30, 2025, are as follows:

	Total Governmental Funds
Fund balances:	
Nonspendable	
Prepaid Items	\$ 145,965
Restricted	
Food Services	1,090,423
Committed	
Playground	800,000
Student Laptop	1,492,500
Textbooks	800,000
IT Equipment	1,833,000
Total Committed	4,925,500
Assigned	
Encumbrances	770,554
Unassigned	15,045,139
Total fund balances	\$ 21,977,581

7. Risk Management

The Charter School Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and the destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injury to employees; and natural disasters. Commercial property insurance coverage for the buildings leased by the Authority is provided by the City and reimbursed by the Authority as part of the annual lease payment. The Charter School Authority has purchased insurance coverage through Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for property (contents) and casualty with combined limits of \$1,000,000 per person/\$2,000,000 per accident, statutory workers compensation coverage, and other commercial insurance for the other exposures identified. No accrual has been provided for claims and incidents not reported to insurers. All known claims have been reported to the insurers. Claims made have not exceeded the insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

8. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Background

The Florida Retirement System (FRS) was created by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined benefit pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the Authority are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of the two cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report,

and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services' website (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The aggregate amount of net pension liability, related deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense for the Charter School defined benefit pension plans are summarized below:

	FRS	HIS	Total
Net pension liability	\$ 8,330,329	\$ 5,049,048	\$ 13,379,377
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,628,601	528,957	4,157,558
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	1,343,842	956,399	2,300,241
Pension expense (benefit)	1,245,141	141,359	1,386,500

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

Plan Description

The Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are as follows:

- *Regular Class* – Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.
- *Senior Management Service Class (SMSC)* – Members in senior management level positions in state and local governments who fill compulsory and designated positions. Members of the EOC may also elect to participate in the SMSC in lieu of EOC.

Employees enrolled in the FRS Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at 6 years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the FRS Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at 8 years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 55 or at any age after 25 years of service. All members enrolled in the FRS Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 60 or at any age after 30 years of service. Employees enrolled in the FRS Plan may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The FRS Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The FRS Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under FRS Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate, except that certain instructional personnel may participate for up to 96 months. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

Benefits Provided – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

Benefits under the FRS Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 5 highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 8 highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following chart shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned

Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service:	% Value
Regular Class members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement up to age 63 or up to 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement up to age 64 or up to 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.68
Regular Class members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement up to age 66 or up to 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement up to age 67 or up to 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement up to age 68 or up to 36 years of service	1.68
Senior Management Service Class	2.00

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the FRS before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3 percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3 percent. FRS Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Effective July 1, 2011, all FRS Plan members (except those in DROP) are required to make 3% employee contributions on a pretax basis. The contribution rates attributable to the Authority, effective July 1, 2024, were applied to employee salaries as follows: regular employees 11.51%, county elected officials 56.62%, senior management 32.46%, and DROP participants 19.13%. The Authority's contributions to the FRS Plan were \$1,312,403 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Pension Costs – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

At June 30, 2025, the Authority reported a liability of \$8,330,329 for its proportionate share of the FRS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's contributions received by FRS during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of FRS's participating employers. At June 30, 2024, the Authority's proportion was 0.02153%, which was a decrease of .0016% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$1,245,141 for its proportionate share of FRS's pension expense. In addition, the Authority reported its proportionate share of FRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

Description	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 841,587	\$ -
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	1,141,748	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	553,677
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	332,863	790,165
Authority Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	1,312,403	-
Total	\$ 3,628,601	\$ 1,343,842

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions to the FRS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$1,312,403 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Amount
2026	\$ (86,131)
2027	935,686
2028	68,210
2029	3,226
2030	51,365
Thereafter	-

Actuarial Assumptions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40% per year
Salary Increases	3.50%, Average, Including Inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.70%, Net of Pension Plan Investment

Mortality rates were based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projection Scale MP-2021. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024, valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation, as outlined in the FRS Plan's investment policy, and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return	Standard Deviation
Cash	1.00%	3.3%	3.3%	1.1%
Fixed Income	29.00%	5.7%	5.6%	3.9%
Global Equity	45.00%	8.6%	7.0%	18.2%
Real Estate	12.00%	8.1%	6.8%	16.6%
Private Equity	11.00%	12.4%	8.8%	28.4%
Strategic Investments	2.00%	6.6%	6.2%	8.7%
Totals	100%			
Assumed Inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.5%

Discount Rate – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70% for the FRS Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate used in the 2023 valuation was 6.70%.

Pension Liability Sensitivity – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the FRS Plan, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Description	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
FRS Plan Discount Rate	5.70%	6.70%	7.70%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the FRS Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 14,652,756	\$ 8,330,329	\$ 3,033,954

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

Detailed information about the FRS Plan's fiduciary's net position is available in a separately-issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report may be obtained through the Florida Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>.

Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

Plan Description – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

The Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program (HIS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in

paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Benefits Provided – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$7.50 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$45 and a maximum HIS payment of \$225 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

Contributions – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the contribution rate was 2% of payroll pursuant to section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The Authority contributed 100% of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled. The Authority's contributions to the HIS Plan were \$298,361 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Pension Costs – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

At June 30, 2025, the Authority reported a liability of \$5,049,048 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's contributions received during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 relative to the total employer contributions received from all participating employers. At June 30, 2024, the Authority's proportion was 0.033%, which was a decrease of 0.001% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$141,359 for its proportionate share of HIS's pension expense. In addition, the Authority reported its proportionate share of HIS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

Description	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 48,752	\$ 9,695
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	89,356	597,742
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	1,826
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	92,488	347,136
Authority Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	298,361	-
Total	\$ 528,957	\$ 956,399

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions to the FRS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$298,361 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2026	\$ (117,750)
2027	(145,286)
2028	(211,645)
2029	(147,978)
2030	(80,628)
Thereafter	(22,516)

Actuarial Assumptions – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40% per year
Salary Increases	3.50%, Average, Including Inflation
Municipal Bond Rate	3.93%

Mortality rates were based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projection Scale MP-2021. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the FRS Plan for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

Discount Rate – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.93% for the HIS Plan. In general, the discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index. The discount rate used in the 2023 valuation was 3.65%.

Pension Liability Sensitivity – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the HIS Plan, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

<u>Description</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
HIS Plan Discount Rate	2.93%	3.93%	4.93%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the HIS Plan Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 5,747,692</u>	<u>\$ 5,049,048</u>	<u>\$ 4,469,060</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program

Detailed information about the HIS Plan's fiduciary's net position is available in a separately-issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report may be obtained through the Florida Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>.

9. Defined Contribution Plan

The Florida State Board of Administration (SBA) administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. Authority employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected County Officers, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06% of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members. Allocations to the investment member's accounts during the 2023-24 fiscal year were as follows:

- For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after one year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Non-vested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to five years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the Authority.
- After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided; the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.
- Employee contributions to the Investment Plan totaled \$162,191 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

10. Contingencies

The Authority is currently receiving, and has received in the past, grants which are subject to special compliance audits by the grantor agency and which may result in disallowed expense amounts. These amounts, if any, constitute a contingent liability of the Authority. Accordingly, such liabilities are not reflected within the financial statements. The Authority does not believe any contingent liabilities are material.

The Authority is subject to various litigation for personal injury, workers compensation and discrimination claims. The Authority intends to vigorously defend any claims through insurance or legal avenues. Management does not believe there will be a material liability as a result of these claims.



Required Supplementary Information



**Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUE				
Federal Direct Sources				
JROTC reimbursable charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,019	\$ 116,019
Federal through State Sources				
NSLP Lunch Reimbursement	467,093	467,093	575,807	108,714
NSLP Breakfast Reimbursement	89,572	89,572	102,794	13,222
Federal through Local Sources				
Title II-A funding	-	50,320	47,543	(2,777)
Title IV funding	-	61,960	60,497	(1,463)
State through Local Sources				
Florida Education Finance Program	26,680,195	26,680,195	27,735,049	1,054,854
FEFP Teacher Salary Allocation	1,681,869	1,681,869	1,277,779	(404,090)
Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO)	1,960,832	1,960,832	2,123,770	162,938
CARES	-	650,978	720,503	69,525
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)	672,229	672,229	797,192	124,963
TAPS Safety & Security	-	-	65,450	65,450
Industry Certification	-	-	180,392	180,392
Local Sources				
Student lunch service	1,019,701	1,019,701	1,248,191	228,490
Local Capital Improvement Funds	2,045,250	2,179,674	2,080,150	(99,524)
Transportation service charges	35,508	35,508	88,950	53,442
Contributions and donations private	-	14,127	93,913	79,786
Short term investment interest	400,000	400,000	833,888	433,888
Other miscellaneous revenues	119,251	1,843,405	1,268,818	(574,587)
Cash balances brought forward	200	200	-	(200)
Total Revenue	35,171,700	37,807,663	39,416,705	1,609,042
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction Basic (FEFP K-12)	17,761,541	20,217,859	19,699,323	518,536
Exceptional Education Services	322,268	351,262	75,406	275,856
Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)	8,645	133,737	215,203	(81,466)
Guidance Services	325,575	325,575	294,302	31,273
Health Services	394,669	388,366	378,660	9,706
Other Pupil Personnel Services	124,118	124,118	868,832	(744,714)
Instructional Media Services	108,313	107,872	133,872	(26,000)
Instructional Staff Training Services	14,741	65,061	52,050	13,011
Board	54,428	53,924	46,557	7,367
General Administration	704,224	745,324	502,683	242,641
School Administration	2,780,935	3,391,903	2,899,390	492,513
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	946,152	1,080,576	480,019	600,557
Fiscal Services	761,400	583,212	655,980	(72,768)
Food Services	1,764,546	1,778,846	1,699,990	78,856
Data Processing Services	835,870	336,703	444,302	(107,599)
Pupil Transportation Services	1,882,149	2,067,660	1,980,705	86,955
Operation of Plant	2,559,581	2,568,236	2,520,517	47,719
Maintenance of Plant	226,405	229,400	158,672	70,728
Community Services	-	77,772	38,885	38,887
Capital Outlay	586,376	1,339,700	1,344,615	(4,915)
Debt Service:				
Principal	1,488,597	1,488,597	1,692,956	(204,359)
Interest and fiscal charges	62,667	62,667	68,234	(5,567)
Total Expenditures	33,713,200	37,518,370	36,251,153	1,267,217
Budget reserves	1,458,500	289,293	-	289,293
Total Expenditures	\$ 35,171,700	\$ 37,807,663	\$ 36,251,153	\$ 1,556,510
Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,165,552	\$ (3,165,552)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds From SBITA	-	-	793,483	793,483
Proceeds From Leases	-	-	8,253	8,253
Proceeds on sale of capital assets	-	-	37,750	37,750
Total Other Financing Sources	-	-	839,486	839,486
Net change in Fund Balance			4,005,038	
Fund Balance - Beginning			17,972,543	
Fund Balance - Ending			\$ 21,977,581	

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information-budget comparisons are an integral part of this schedule.

Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule

June 30, 2025

Budgetary Basis

The Cape Coral Charter School Authority approves an annual budget for the Charter School general fund. The City Senior Budget Analyst and Budget Administrator develops the budget with the Charter School Administrative team. The primary fiscal goal of the Authority's administration is to create an environment in which the system will be self-sufficient well into the future. This goal will be achieved by continued review and refinement of operating policies and procedures. For the 2024-2025 school year, the budget was approved by the Authority Board on June 25, 2024 and adopted by City Council on October 2, 2024. Budget Amendment #1 was approved by the Authority on June 24, 2025. For the 2025-2026 school year, the tentative budget was approved by the Authority Board on June 24, 2025, and is expected to be adopted by the City Council on September 17, 2025.

Budgetary Information

The following procedures are used in establishing the adopted budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Throughout the school year, the Charter School Superintendent keeps abreast of state and federal funding issues that impact per student funding levels. This includes state budgetary changes that affect funding levels of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP); changes in capital outlay funding; changes in the Florida Retirement System (FRS); and special legislation at the state or federal level.
2. The City's Senior Budget Analyst assigned to the Charter School analyzes current revenue and expenditure trends when developing the budget. To project a conservative estimate of revenue, the primary revenue sources are generally budgeted at 99% of expectation. Expenditures are based on the prior-year trends with modifications resulting from staffing and program changes that were implemented by the Authority Board. Salary and benefit expenses are budgeted at the employee level based on the current and proposed salary step rate.
3. The City's Senior Budget Analyst assigned to the Charter School works closely with the Principals and the Superintendent to project enrollment for the upcoming school year at each school and grade level. This projection reflects consideration of available classroom space, progression of students to the next grade level, and the current waitlist status at each school.
4. In June, the proposed budget is presented to the Charter School Authority Board for review and approval.
5. Once approved, the budget is presented and adopted by Cape Coral City Council and included in the City's budget.
6. During the school year, the adopted budget may be amended to reflect changes in expected revenue or expense.
7. Budget amendments are approved by the Charter School Authority Board and included in the City's budget amendments to City Council.

Schedule of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Last Ten Measurement Periods

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.23294320%	0.02151919%	0.02229310%	0.02153728%	0.02167031%	0.02172200%	0.02525322%	0.00251460%	0.02322742%	0.02153391%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,008,773	\$ 5,433,611	\$ 6,578,177	\$ 6,487,141	\$ 7,462,953	\$ 9,414,625	\$ 1,907,594	\$ 9,356,173	\$ 9,255,395	\$ 8,330,329
Authority's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 8,397,828	\$ 8,234,468	\$ 9,066,544	\$ 8,754,199	\$ 9,159,578	\$ 9,087,717	\$ 9,500,826	\$ 9,440,326	\$ 9,452,255	\$ 9,180,099
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	35.83%	65.99%	72.55%	74.10%	81.48%	103.60%	20.08%	99.11%	97.92%	90.74%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	92.00%	84.88%	83.89%	84.26%	82.61%	78.85%	96.40%	82.89%	82.38%	83.70%

*The amounts presented for each measurement period were determined as of June 30.

Schedule of Authority Contributions
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 524,780	\$ 578,939	\$ 613,795	\$ 671,936	\$ 721,725	\$ 962,038	\$ 1,032,900	\$ 1,117,389	\$ 1,260,058	\$ 1,312,403
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(524,780)	(578,939)	(613,795)	(671,936)	(721,725)	(962,038)	(1,032,900)	(1,117,389)	(1,260,058)	(1,312,403)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Authority's Covered-Employee Payroll ¹	\$ 8,234,468	\$ 9,066,544	\$ 8,754,199	\$ 9,159,578	\$ 9,087,717	\$ 9,500,826	\$ 9,440,326	\$ 9,452,255	\$ 9,180,099	14,918,036
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	6.37%	6.39%	7.01%	7.34%	7.94%	10.13%	10.94%	11.82%	13.73%	8.80%

¹ In 2025 the calculation for the Authority's Covered-Employee Payroll was adjusted to include total FRS wages.

Schedule of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Measurement Periods

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.03617303%	0.03645134%	0.37128371%	0.03497874%	0.03512600%	0.03527580%	0.03731779%	0.03635212%	0.03484444%	0.03365813%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,689,080	\$ 4,248,252	\$ 3,969,936	\$ 3,702,189	\$ 3,930,242	\$ 4,307,115	\$ 4,577,115	\$ 4,577,589	\$ 3,850,270	\$ 5,049,048
Authority's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$10,974,283	\$11,252,742	\$11,834,557	\$11,427,706	\$11,758,045	\$12,265,671	\$13,219,076	\$13,265,248	\$13,858,943	\$14,340,670
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	33.62%	37.75%	33.55%	32.40%	33.43%	35.12%	34.63%	29.03%	39.93%	35.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	0.50%	0.97%	1.64%	2.15%	2.63%	3.00%	3.56%	4.81%	4.12%	4.80%

*The amounts presented for each measurement period year were determined as of June 30.

Schedule of Authority Contributions
Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 186,836	\$ 196,494	\$ 189,691	\$ 195,051	\$ 203,278	\$ 219,354	\$ 220,203	\$ 230,058	\$ 286,813	\$ 298,361
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(186,836)	(196,494)	(189,691)	(195,051)	(203,278)	(219,354)	(220,203)	(230,058)	(286,813)	(298,361)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Authority's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$11,252,742	\$11,834,557	\$11,427,706	\$11,758,045	\$12,265,671	\$13,219,076	\$13,265,248	\$13,858,943	\$14,340,670	\$14,918,036
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	2.00%	2.00%

