

# STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

# SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

# **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**

## Financial Audit

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

**FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 3** AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS **Repeated Since Category 1 Category 2 Category 3** New Repeat Total 2018 **Category 1:** 2 1 3 23-01 0 0 0 Category 2: **Category 3:** 0 0 0 TOTAL 2 1 3 FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 3

# **INTRODUCTION**

This digest covers the financial audit of Illinois State University (University) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. The University's Single Audit and State compliance examination reports will be separately issued at a later date.

# **SYNOPSIS**

• (23-01) The University had multiple computer security weaknesses.

Category 1: Findings that are material weaknesses in internal control and/or a qualification on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).
Category 2: Findings that are significant deficiencies in internal control and noncompliance with State laws and regulations.
Category 3: Findings that have no internal control issues but are in noncompliance with State laws and regulations.

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#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AUDIT For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION	2023	2022
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Unrestricted		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 170,212,792	\$ 185,754,364
Receivables	30,224,497	25,707,075
Investments	-	6,005,479
Inventories, prepaid expenses, deposits, and other	8,948,043	10,784,862
Restricted		
Cash and cash equivalents	46,228,322	30,759,643
Receivables	5,339,319	4,686,789
Investments	118,484,120	143,939,521
Inventories, prepaid expenses, deposits, and other	375,813	338,032
Capital assets, net	544,843,270	525,167,053
Deferred outflows of resources	3,941,997	5,117,709
Total	928,598,173	938,260,527
Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	29,133,627	24,057,057
Revenue bonds and certificates of participation	173,028,560	188,166,808
Other	58,151,569	66,018,960
Deferred inflows of resources	16,501,166	8,663,655
Total	276,814,922	286,906,480
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	361,088,385	348,216,068
Restricted, expendable	154,939,797	154,460,806
Unrestricted	135,755,069	148,677,173
Total	\$ 651,783,251	\$ 651,354,047
REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION	2023	2022
Revenues		
Tuition and fees, net	\$ 213,954,050	\$ 210,326,094
State appropriations	73,125,300	73,122,175
Auxiliary enterprises	96,743,929	84,393,773
Payments on behalf of the University - State	43,558,000	42,541,000
Special funding situation - Pension and OPEB	(4,763,589)	93,853,292
Other	151,412,253	165,115,082
Total	574,029,943	669,351,416
Expenses		
Instruction	152,815,484	190,262,125
	53,805,212	63,836,760
Student services		
Student services		97.353.525
Student aid	86,815,439	
Student aid Auxiliary enterprises	86,815,439 83,134,462	79,299,569
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#### FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### INFORMATION SECURITY WEAKNESSES

The Illinois State University (University) had multiple computer security weaknesses.

During testing of University information technology controls, we noted the University:

- Had not developed access provisioning policies documenting the internal controls for all environments and applications.
- Had not developed a policy documenting requirements for an annual review of users' access.
- Had not conducted a review of users' access.
- Had not developed a policy documenting the review of security violation reports to ensure remediation is timely conducted. (Finding 1, pages 5-6) **This finding has been reported since 2018.**

We recommended the University implement adequate security, including:

- Approving the updated policies and procedures to (1) reflect the University's current environment and (2) address future changes in processed and new systems; and
- Documenting, during formal user access reviews, the appropriateness of each user's access to the University's applications for all departments'.

Additionally, we recommended the University strengthen its controls to maintain a complete and accurate population of servers, update their servers with the vendors' latest versions of antivirus and operating systems, conduct security assessments over its environment and ensure al security operations are properly configured.

University officials concurred with our finding.

#### **OTHER FINDING**

The remaining findings pertain to inadequate internal controls over its service providers and inadequate controls over changes to its environment, applications and data. We will review the University's progress towards the implementation of our recommendations in our next financial audit.

**Computer security weaknesses** 

Auditor's Recommendation

University officials agree

## **AUDITOR'S OPINION**

The auditors stated the financial statements of the University as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023, are fairly stated in all material respects.

This financial audit was conducted by FORVIS LLP.

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JANE CLARK Division Director

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FRANK J. MAUTINO Auditor General

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