

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 20: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS****Primary Government****Supplemental Retirement Income Plan of North Carolina and North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan**

General Statute 135-96 established the Supplemental Retirement Board of Trustees (Board) to administer both the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan of North Carolina and the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. The Plan document for each Plan designates that the general administration and responsibility for carrying out the provisions of the Plan, as directed by the Board, shall be placed with the Retirement Systems Division of the Department of State Treasurer (Department) as Primary Administrator. The Board and Primary Administrator currently have an agreement with Empower Retirement to perform recordkeeping, administration, and investment management services for both Plans.

The Plans contract with Galliard, a subsidiary of Allspring Global Investments (Allspring), to act as a delegated fiduciary investment manager for the NC Stable Value Fund. Allspring commenced operations as a result of the acquisition of Wells Fargo Asset Management by GTCR LLC and Reverence Capital Partners, L.P. Galliard, which was included in that transaction, provides collective investment vehicles and trustee services for the NC Stable Value Fund. Galliard has discretion over the benefit responsive contracts and the underlying investment managers. Galliard also has the authority to invest in securities subject to guidelines in Galliard's contract with the Board and the Department. As an advisor, Galliard is primarily responsible for ensuring that negotiated investment contracts are adhered to by the insurance companies, banks or other eligible providers who have entered into such contracts. Not less than quarterly, Galliard reports the financial condition of the investment contracts and whether the contracts are being administered according to their respective terms.

The fees for wrap coverage, investment management and advisory services are deducted from participants' account balances. The Galliard contract was amended and restated in February 2018, which included a revision to the investment structure and guidelines and lower fees. Management fees were further reduced by agreement in January 2022. There was a 1 basis point reduction to the management fees during the 2024 year.

The Bank of New York Mellon (BNY) serves as the custodian for the Plans and provides global custody services related to the Pooled Account. BNY is the custodian of the separately managed accounts of the Stable Value Fund. Fees for custodial services are generally charged based on a percentage of net asset value and are paid from the assets of the respective funds. BNY also provides a short-term cash vehicle for the temporary investment of funds until they are invested on a longer-term basis.

**Component Units****University of North Carolina System and Community College Foundations**

The University of North Carolina (UNC) System and community colleges have separately incorporated not-for-profit foundations that are associated with constituent institutions of the UNC System or individual colleges. These organizations serve as a fundraising arm of the respective institutions through which individuals, corporations, and other organizations support institution programs by providing scholarships, fellowships, faculty salary supplements, and unrestricted funds to specific departments and the institution's overall academic environment. These affiliated organizations are not included as component units since the economic resources received or held by an individual organization are not significant to the primary government. Therefore, the financial statements of the UNC System and community colleges do not include the assets, liabilities, net position, or operational transactions of these foundations, except for support from each organization to constituent institutions or colleges. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, this support totaled \$171.07 million for the UNC System and \$2.88 million for community colleges.

The receivables from related parties as of June 30, 2025, were \$2.97 million for the UNC System and \$243 thousand for community colleges. The UNC System and the community colleges did not have any payables to related parties as of June 30, 2025.