

*The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged
With Governance*

Career Tech High Academy Charter School

Year ended September 30, 2021



June 5, 2025

The Board of Trustees
Career Tech High Academy Charter School

We were engaged to audit the basic financial statements of Career Tech High Academy Charter School (the Academy), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and have issued our report thereon dated June 5, 2025.

This report summarizes our communications with those charged with governance as required by our professional standards to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to oversee the financial reporting and disclosure process.

REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

Professional standards require the auditor to provide the Board or those charged with governance with additional information regarding the scope and results of the audit that may assist the Board or those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting and disclosure processes which the management of the Academy is responsible. We summarize these required communications as follows:

Overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit

Our audit scope and timing is consistent with the plan communicated in our engagement letter dated August 19, 2024 and at our audit planning meeting with management.

Auditors' Responsibilities under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States (US GAAS) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS)

The financial statements are the responsibility of the Academy's management as prepared with the oversight of those charged with governance. Our audit was designed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

Our responsibilities are included in our audit engagement letter.

Changes to the audit strategy, timing of the audit and significant risks identified

Our audit strategy is consistent with the plan communicated during the audit planning meeting.

Matters relevant to our evaluation of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern

We did not identify any events or conditions that led us to believe there was substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our views about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices, including:

- **Accounting policies**
- **Accounting estimates**

Management has not selected or changed any significant policies or changed the application of those policies in the current year. A discussion of significant accounting policies and sensitive accounting estimates has been included in footnote 1 of the financial statements.

We determined that those charged with governance are informed about management's process for formulating particularly sensitive estimates and about the basis to our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.

Changes to the terms of the audit with no reasonable justification for the change

We are not aware of any matters that require communication.

Significant unusual transactions

We are not aware of any significant unusual transactions executed by the Academy.

Material corrected misstatements related to accounts and disclosures

Refer to the "Management Representations Letter" in Appendix A.

Uncorrected misstatements related to accounts and disclosures, considered by management to be immaterial

Refer to the “Management Representations Letter” in Appendix A.

Significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting

Material weaknesses identified during the course of our audit have been included in our Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* dated June 5, 2025.

Fraud and noncompliance with laws and regulations (illegal acts)

We are not aware of any matters that require communication.

Obtain information relevant to the audit

Inquiries regarding matters relevant to the audit were performed during the August 2024 meeting and in the update status meetings during the audit.

Independence matters

We are not aware of any matters that in our professional judgment would impair our independence.

New accounting pronouncements

Management is still assessing the impact of adopting the following pronouncements:

- GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit debt obligations*
- GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*
- GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*
- GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*
- GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*
- GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*

Significant issues discussed with management in connection with the auditor’s initial appointment or recurring retention

We are not aware of any matters that require communication.

Disagreements with management and significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management when performing the audit.

There were no material disagreements with the Academy's management on financial accounting and reporting matters during the audit.

Management's consultations with other accountants

We are not aware of any consultations made by management with other accountants or specialists.

Other material written communications with management

None.

Other matters

There are no other matters arising from the audit that are significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding the oversight of the financial reporting process

AICPA ethics ruling regarding third-party service providers

There are no significant matters arising from the audit that required us to subcontract portions of the Audit Services to other EY firms and that required participation of personnel from an affiliate of EY or another EY firm or any of their respective affiliates, of from independent third-party service providers.

Representations from management

We have obtained from management a representations letter related to the audit and a copy of the management representations letter is included in Appendix A.

Engagement team's involvement with preparation of the financial statements

Under GAS 2018 Revision, Chapter 3 Ethics, Independence and Professional Judgment, Paragraph 3.73-74 Provision of Nonaudited Services to Audited Entities explains that the audit team should make consideration of management's ability to effectively oversee the non-audit services to be provided. The engagement team should determine that the audited entity has designated an individual who possesses suitable skill, knowledge or experience and that the individual understands the services to be performed sufficiently to oversee them. The engagement team should document consideration of management's ability to oversee non-audit services to be performed.

The engagement team believes that this significant threat is reduced to an acceptable level upon application of the following safeguards:

- An engagement quality review was performed by a qualified Ernst & Young Partner who was not otherwise involved in the audit.
- All adjusting journal entries that Ernst & Young posted to the trial balance have been approved by management of the Academy.
- The preparation of the financial statements is based on the Academy's trial balance with the understanding that underlying books and records are maintained by the Academy's accounting department and that the final trial balance prepared by the Academy is complete.

The Academy's Principal and third-party accounting service provider have the skill sets to oversee and review the completeness and accuracy of the financial statements and footnote disclosures.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties

Very truly yours,

Ernst & Young LLP

Appendix

A – Management Representations Letter

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Career Tech High

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June 05, 2025

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In connection with your audit of the basic financial statements of Career Tech High Academy Charter School (the "Academy") as of and for the periods then ended September 30, 2021, we recognize that obtaining representations from us concerning the information contained in this letter is a significant procedure in enabling you to form an opinion whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and general fund, and the respective changes in financial position thereof in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

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

Accordingly, we make the following representations, which are true to the best of our knowledge and belief:

Management's responsibilities

We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set forth in the terms of the audit engagement agreement dated August 19, 2024, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements (including disclosures) in accordance with US GAAP applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period except for the effects of adopting new accounting standards.

In preparing the basic financial statements, we evaluated whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the basic financial statement date.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. We have provided you with:

- Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters. This responsibility includes identifying the use of new technologies or techniques

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in preparing such information (e.g., the use of generative artificial intelligence), and additional details you may require regarding the use of any such technologies and techniques in order to perform your audit procedures.

- Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit
- Unrestricted access to persons within the Academy from whom you determined it necessary to obtain evidence

We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.

There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.

From October 1, 2020 through the date of this letter we have disclosed to you, to the extent that we are aware, any (1) unauthorized access to our information technology systems that either occurred or is reasonably likely to have occurred, including of reports submitted to us by third parties (including regulatory agencies, law enforcement agencies and security consultants), to the extent that such unauthorized access to our information technology systems is reasonably likely to have a material effect on the financial statements of any opinion unit that comprises the basic financial statements, in each case or in the aggregate, and (2) ransomware attacks when we paid or are contemplating paying a ransom, regardless of the amount.

Uncorrected misstatements

We believe that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements, summarized in the accompanying schedule, accumulated by you during the current and prior audit period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements. Refer to the “Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements” in Appendix B.

Internal control

We have communicated to you all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting.

There have been no significant changes in internal control since September 30, 2021.

Minutes and contracts

The dates of meetings of shareholders, directors, committees of directors and important management committees, from the October 1, 2020 to the date of this letter are as follows:

- September 29, 2021
- September 30, 2021
- October 1, 2021
- October 4, 2021
- December 7, 2021
- March 10, 2022
- March 14, 2022
- June 15, 2022
- June 20, 2022

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We have made available to you all minutes of the meetings of shareholders, directors and committees of directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

We also have made available to you all significant contracts, including amendments, and agreements and have communicated to you all significant oral agreements. We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance, including all covenants, conditions or other requirements of all outstanding debt.

Methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates

The appropriateness of the methods, the consistency in application, the accuracy and completeness of data, and the reasonableness of significant assumptions used by us in developing accounting estimates and related disclosures, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable and supportable.

Ownership and pledging of assets

Except for assets accounted for in accordance with GASB Statements No. 87, 94 and 96—as amended, for which we were provided a right-to-use another entity’s nonfinancial asset (the underlying asset), the Academy has satisfactory title to all assets appearing in the statement of net position. No security agreements have been executed under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and there are no liens or encumbrances on assets, nor has any asset been pledged. All assets to which the Academy has satisfactory title appear in the statement of net position.

Receivables and revenues

Adequate provision has been made for any receivable as of the statement of net position date that may not be collectible, including any losses, costs and expenses that may be incurred related to the collection of those receivables.

Revenues and other governmental fund financial resources are recognized in the period in which they became both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period.

Leases

We have identified and accounted for all contracts that meet the criteria to be accounted for as a lease under GASB Statement No. 87—as amended. We have appropriately considered any modifications, termination or purchase options in the contract.

The impact of the adoption of GASB 87 is immaterial to the Academy.

Related party relationships and transactions

We have made available to you the names of all related parties and all relationships and transactions with related parties.

The substance of transactions with related parties as defined in GASB Statement No. 56—as amended, has been considered and appropriate adjustments or disclosures are made in the basic financial statements, and information concerning these transactions and amounts have been made available to you.

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Contingent liabilities

There are no unasserted claims or assessments, including those our lawyers have advised us of, that are probable of assertion and must be disclosed.

There have been no violations or possible violations of laws or regulations in any jurisdiction whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.

There have been no internal investigations or communications from regulatory agencies or government representatives in any jurisdiction concerning investigations or allegations of noncompliance with laws or regulations, noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices, or other matters that could affect the financial statements.

There are no other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies considered material, individually or in the aggregate, that are required to be accrued or disclosed, nor are there any accruals for loss contingencies included in the balance sheets or gain contingencies reflected in statement of activities that are not in conformity with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 62.

We have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation, claims or assessments.

Oral and written guarantees

There are no oral or written guarantee including guarantees of the debt of others.

Arrangements with financial institutions

Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances and line-of-credit or similar arrangements have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.

Non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud

We acknowledge that we are responsible to determine that the Academy's business activities are conducted in accordance with laws and regulations and that we are responsible for identifying and addressing any non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations, including fraud.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud.

We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

We have disclosed to you all known actual or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in the Academy's internal control over financial reporting. In addition, we have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud involving other employees where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. We have no knowledge of any allegations of financial improprieties, including fraud or suspected fraud, (regardless of the source or form and including without limitation, any allegations by "whistleblowers") which could result in a

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misstatement of the financial statements or otherwise affect the financial reporting of the Academy.

Independence

We have communicated to you the names of Academy's affiliates, as described in the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct ET section 1.224.020 *State and Local Government Client Affiliates*, officers and directors, or individuals who serve in such capacity for the Academy

We are not aware of any business relationship between Academy and Ernst & Young LLP or any other member firm of the global Ernst & Young organization (any of which, an "EY Firm"), other than one pursuant to which an EY Firm performs professional services.

We are not aware of any reason that Ernst & Young LLP would not be independent for purposes of Academy's audits.

Conflicts of interest

There are no instances where any officer or employee of the Company has an interest in a company with which the Company does business that would be considered a "conflict of interest." Such an interest would be contrary to Company policy.

Subsequent events

Subsequent to September 30, 2021, no events or transactions as outlined in Appendix A have occurred or are pending that would have a material effect on the basic financial statements at that date or for the period then ended, or that are of such significance in relation to the Academy's affairs to require mention in a note to the financial statements in order to make them not misleading regarding the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Academy.

Other representations

We have identified and disclosed to you, all provisions of laws and regulations that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds. We have identified and disclosed to you, all instances of identified or suspected noncompliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements where the noncompliance could have a direct and material effect on the basic financial statements.

All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, as amended and GASB Statement No. 37, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.

Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted), and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable fund balance, and restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statements of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.

Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments or contributions to permanent fund principal.

Special and extraordinary items are appropriately classified and reported.

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We understand that your audits were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America and were, therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Academy and that your tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures were limited to those that you considered necessary for that purpose.

We have received a draft copy of our financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021. The accuracy and completeness of the financial statements, including footnote disclosures, are our responsibility.

You have assisted in the preparation of our financial statements based on information in our trial balance and accounting records. It is our understanding that:

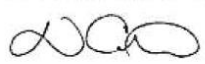
- Our underlying books and records are maintained by our accounting department and that the final trial balance prepared by us is complete and,
- We have designated a competent representative to oversee your services and that our personnel have sufficient financial competence who are able to challenge and review the completeness and accuracy of the financial statements, including footnote disclosures.

We have reviewed the draft financial statements for accuracy and completeness.

We acknowledge that we have reviewed them and taken responsibility for them.

Very truly yours,



Steven McManus, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

William Castro, Principal

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Appendices

A – Subsequent Events Consideration

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Subsequent Events Questionnaire

Coverage: **From October 1, 2021 to Audit Report Date**

	Question
1	Are there any subsequent events that occurred that may affect the financial statements other than those that are already been communicated?
2	Have there been any business combinations, acquisitions of significant assets, segment disposals, disposals of significant assets or extraordinary, unusual or infrequently occurring transactions, except as disclosed in the financial statements? Have any other significant unusual transactions been entered into?
3	Have any significant contingent liabilities or commitments arisen, except as disclosed in the financial statements?
4	Have any significant changes occurred in trends in sales/revenues or costs that could affect accounting estimates (e.g., valuation of receivables or inventories, realization of deferred charges, provisions for warranties or employee benefits or unearned income)?
5	Have any significant changes occurred, or are pending, in the capital accounts, long term debt, including debt covenants and compliance with them, or working capital, except as disclosed in the financial statements?
6	Have any significant changes occurred in the status of items, including contingent liabilities and commitments that were accounted for on the basis of tentative, preliminary or inconclusive data?
7	Have any significant unusual or non-recurring adjustments been recorded (or are necessary)?
8	Have any communications, written or oral, occurred with regulatory agencies with which the entity files financial statements?
9	Have there been any changes in the entity's related parties?
10	Have any significant new related party transactions occurred?
11	Have any other events occurred, other than those disclosed in response to the previous questions or those reflected or disclosed in the financial statements that could have a material effect on the audited financial statements?
12	Are there any significant new contracts or agreements (including amendment) and written communications with any regulatory agencies that could have an effect on the audited financial statements other than those that are already been provided to EY (if any).
13	Did Career Tech High Academy Charter School provide all of minutes of BOT meeting that were held subsequent to the balance sheet date?
14	Are you aware of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting Career Tech High Academy Charter School involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control or (3) others, when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements?

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15	Are you aware of any allegations of financial improprieties, including fraud or suspected fraud (regardless of the source or form and including, without limitation, allegations by "whistle-blowers"), when such allegations could result in a misstatement of the financial statements or otherwise affect the financial reporting of Career Tech High Academy Charter School ?
16	Are you aware of any close relationship, or business employment or other relationships that could bear EY independence such as business/financial relationship, litigation with EY, family relationship/employment, loans, cooperative arrangements and others?
17	Are you aware of any cash receipt records for significant or unusually large amounts that may pertain to proceeds of loans, significant sales of productive assets or other unusual items?
18	Are you aware of any cash disbursement records for that may pertain to unusual payments, payments of liabilities not recorded as of the balance sheet date or other unusual items?
19	Are you aware of any significant time lag that may pertain to collections on accounts receivable, credit memoranda issues for sales returns and allowances?
20	Are you aware of any journal entries that would have a material effect on the financial statements as of the balance sheet date?

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B – Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements

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