
OCTOBER 4, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM 2
INFORMATION ITEM**

CALIFORNIA ABLE ACT BOARD

Executive Director's Report

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 - State Legislative Update
 - Enrollment Data
- Operations Update
 - Prepaid Card
 - Staffing
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 - Budget
 - Audits
 - Contracts
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Presenter

Dante Allen, Executive Director, California ABLE Act Board

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CALIFORNIA ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT BOARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 4, 2022

National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) Update

Staff attended the Annual National Association of State Treasurer's Conference along with Treasurer Ma in Philadelphia, PA. At the conference, Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania participated in an "All things ABLE" discussion where they discussed the importance of passing the ABLE Age Adjustment Act, and the ways in which individual states could get involved in the effort to ensure the bill was passed this year.

The NAST ABLE committee has identified a governance framework and bylaws, and is currently working on selecting its first slate of officers. This move is a critical next step for the progression of ABLE which will provide greater decision-making authority for ABLE programs, Program Administrators, and their partners.

Program Update

Federal Legislative and Rulemaking Update

The ABLE Age Adjustment Act continues to be active in congress. H.R. 1219 (Cardenas) authored the bill to increase the age threshold for eligibility for such programs from 26 to 46. It has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means (2/23/21). S.331 (Casey) authored the bill to increase the age threshold for eligibility for such programs from 26 to 46. An estimated 6.2 million more disabled Americans will become eligible to open ABLE accounts if these bills pass into law. In the Senate, ABLE Age Adjustment has been included in the Enhancing American Retirement Now (EARN) Act, greatly increasing its chances of passing in the current congress. The House of Representatives is considering an additional vehicle to include their version to increase its chances of passage this year.

CalABLE staff is working to identify current account holders, potential account holders and other supporters to send statements of support to the California delegation. Additionally, staff have been instrumental in supporting Treasurer Ma's efforts to promote the passage of this bill to the California delegation in congress.

State Legislative Update

AB 2216 (Program language clean-up): Staff have been monitoring, Assembly Bill 2216 (Irwin), which included clean up language to the current regulations. The proposed law AB 2216 will provide clarity updates to the California Achieving a Better Life Experience (CalABLE) Act. These updates include conforming with federal law which allows for a working beneficiary to exceed the annual

contribution limit when contributing from their own income. It will also incentivize California residents to join the California ABLE program by limiting protection from Medi-Cal recovery of funds remaining in a deceased beneficiary's account only to California residents with a CalABLE account. The bill had passed out of the Assembly and the Senate and was signed by the governor.

AB 1601 (Call Centers): Staff have been monitoring Assembly Bill 1601 (Weber), which included requirements that state agencies who contract with private sector entities for call center services have at least 90% of those services performed within California. In conjunction with the Board Chair, staff have engaged with the author's office to discuss potential impacts of the bill. At the time this item was written, the bill had been amended to remove the sections impacting state agencies and had passed out of the Assembly and the Senate. The bill was signed by the governor.

Enrollment Data (See Attachments 1 and 2)

CalABLE gained nearly 1,000 accounts over the quarter (7,098 in Q1 vs. 8,097 in Q2)

Despite our expected account growth, our assets under management actually declined. CalABLE has \$77 million in assets under management for Q2, this is down from Q1 by 1%. The attributing factors include: reduced contributions (down 38%) from Q1, a slight uptick in redemptions (up 5% from Q1) and diminished investment returns (Meketa 2Q22 Performance and evaluation report pages 12-14/18)

Notable element: participation in the FDIC portfolio has crept up from previous quarters. Total assets in the FDIC portfolio reached 38% for the first time since program inception, up from 34% in Q1. As a reminder, the board elected to waive the state administrative fee for assets held in the FDIC portfolio. That decision was based on staff estimates that approximately 1/3 of program assets would be held in the FDIC portfolio. No action is recommended at this time in relation to the waiver, however this is an area the board should continue to monitor. The revenue generated through the state administrative fee has direct bearing on our ability to reach self-sustainability and repay the general fund loans that supported the launch of CalABLE.

Operations Update

Prepaid Card

The CalABLE prepaid card release date was delayed due to contracting issues with DGS. The board approved the switch to the new card in November of 2021. CalABLE learned that an amendment to the program administration agreement would require a non-competitive bid exemption. This exemption would allow our program administrator to enter a new card vendor and adjust card fees accordingly. This process has been lengthier than anticipated and has led to a

gap between the offering of the previous card and the new card. Although the bid process has been completed, staff and the CalABLE call center have continued to field calls of questions and complaints related to our lack of offering a prepaid card. In June, operations discontinued transactions using the old card. Funds remaining on the previous card were returned to account owners in August. We are now undergoing product testing for the new card and expect to begin allowing requests in October.

The prepaid card release will also include a functional update based on the final IRS regulations expanding who may become an ABLE account Authorized Legal Representative (ALR). This expansion now creates a hierarchy for those eligible to open a CalABLE account as an ALR. At the time of enrollment, representatives will be required to certify (under penalty of perjury) that no other individual that would rank above in the hierarchy is willing/able to be the ALR. The hierarchy consists of power of attorney, conservator or legal guardian, the spouse, a parent, a sibling, a grandparent, or a representative payee (whether an individual or organization) appointed by the SSA, in that order. This significant expansion may serve to increase CalABLE enrollment.

Staffing

CalABLE has hired a new Staff Services Analyst, Madeline Handy. She was our student intern from UC Davis. CalABLE is also actively recruiting for an SSA/AGPA bilingual position to assist with outreaching efforts in the Spanish community.

Additionally, it is with mixed feelings that I announce plans to vacate my role as Executive Director for CalABLE, likely effective by the end of the year. I have been nominated by President Joe Biden to join his administration as Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration in the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) of the Department of Education. This is a Senate confirmed position and will take some time to complete the confirmation process.

I first joined CalABLE almost a year before the program launched. I have worked with two administrations and have seen the direct impact this program is making on the lives of people with disabilities, of which I also consider myself a member of this community. This experience and the great teams I have worked with, including Anne and now Madeline, and Treasurer Ma, the various board members, Audrey and the rest of the STO team have been one of the great honors of my life. ABLE still feels like a child that I am not ready to release custody of just yet. So please know that no matter the role I sit in, the success of this program will always remain a priority for me, and I thank you all for the opportunity.

Board Member

The Department of Finance has a new Director Joe Stephenshaw. Mr. Stephenshaw has renamed his delegates for participation in these meetings. Kathleen Barajas, Delegate of State Independent Living Council has resigned from the board, and her replacement has not been identified. Board member Lisa Hayes is scheduled to attend in representing SILC.

Budget (See Attachment 3)

As of May 31, 2022, the most recent available reporting, the program has spent \$830,000 in fiscal year 2021-22. CalABLE is currently receiving a general fund allocation and loan repayments are scheduled to begin in 2024.

Audits (See Attachment 4)

TIAA has provided the program annual report for CalABLE, which includes the audited financials for FY 2022 by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The report was reviewed and approved by staff and will be posted in its entirety to the CalABLE web page.

Contracts (See Attachment 3)

CalABLE will be releasing an RFP for Program Administrator, the contract will include funds for program enhancements.

Outreach Update

Our webinar 2022 attendance continues to be popular with over 50% attendance, and our partner webinar with UC Davis Mind Institute had over 300 attendees. Our YouTube channel has 700 subscribers with the most popular webinars: ABLE 101 at 8,019 views, Special Needs Trust at 736 views, and Tips for Opening a CalABLE Account at 698 views. CalABLE will continue to present webinars about the CalABLE program. Upcoming topics include the prepaid card tutorial, Medi-Cal and maximizing your year-end contributions.

CalABLE participated in two in-person events in August. The first event was in Salinas at the Special Kids Connect Seminar with 125 participants. The event included tabling and a presentation to 50 people. There were many Spanish speaking families at the event. The second in-person event was a sponsorship at the Options for All- Bowties and Sandals Gala. CalABLE provided a testimonial to the audience of 300 people and the Ambassadors were featured as the video production team discussed the type of work Options for All provide. In September, CalABLE attended the Northern California Neurodiversity & Disability Symposium at California State University, Chico and held a roundtable discussion.

In October, CalABLE will be attending the Jobtoberfest in San Diego, Supported Life Conference in Sacramento and the Disability Employment Awareness Fair in

Sacramento. CalABLE will continue to look for in-person outreach opportunities in addition to presentations and the monthly webinar series.

The CalABLE website traffic continues to have 80% new visitors and 20% repeat visitors, with 33% accessing the website from their mobile phones.

Outreach Events Third Quarter

Date	Event	Attendees	Webinar	Sponsorship
6/27/2022	HireABLE- Staff Meeting	50		
7/6/2022	Autism Tree Foundation Lunch and Learn (2)	20		
7/9/2022	Service Center for Independent Life- Youth Services Staff Training	10		
7/13/2022	Autism Tree Foundation Lunch and Learn (3)	20		
7/15/2022	Experiencele	5		
7/20/2022	Webinar- CalABLE and Health		64	
8/2/2022	SSA Presentation - Redding	19		
8/4/2022	Diversity Panel - Dante Presented	100		
8/10/2022	Autism Tree Foundation Lunch and Learn (4)	10		
8/16/2022	San Francisco Human Services Agency- CAAP Program	22		
8/20/2022	Special Kids Connect Seminar-Salinas	125		
8/22/2022	ABLE to Save Panel - Dante Presented	100		
8/23/2022	SSA Presentation - Napa and Santa Rosa	27		
8/25/2022	Harbor Regional Center staff meeting	30		
8/27/2022	Options for All - Bow and Sandals Gala Sponsorship			300
8/29-8/31	Eureka - Tribal Health Conference Ambassador Hector	49		
9/6/2022	Autism Tree Foundation Lunch and Learn (5)	12		
9/7/2022	Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN)	29		
9/10/2022	Tri-County Regional Center Parent Meeting	5		

9/15/2022	Webinar- UC Davis Mind Institute, CalABLE and Special Needs Trust		326	
9/15/2022	SDVEC Monthly Meeting	12		
9/21/2022	Family Support Network staff meeting	6		
9/23/2022	Chico- Northern California Autism Symposium to the Neurodiversity & Disability Symposium (Roundtable presentation)	150		
Q3 Total		801	390	

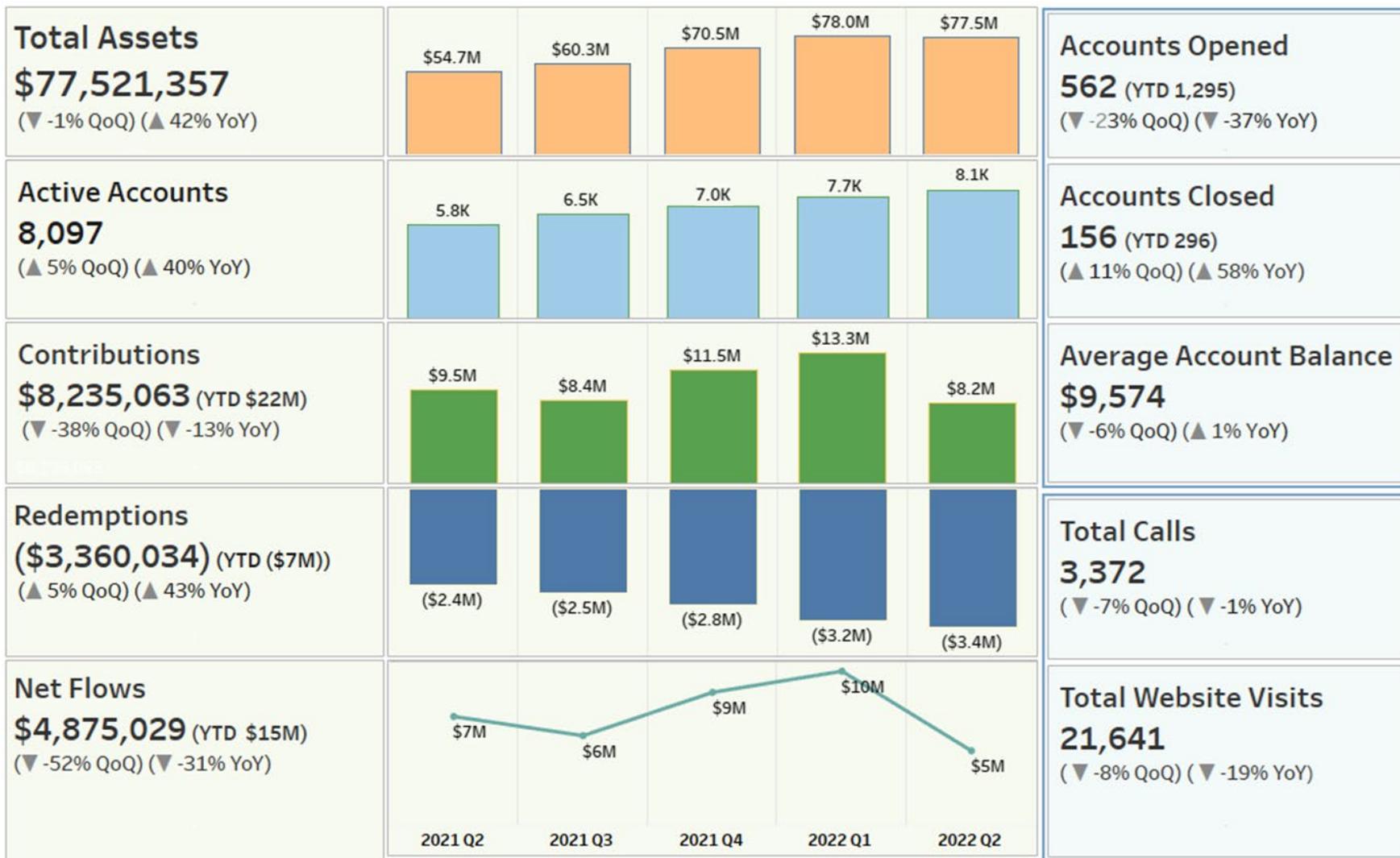
Future Outreach Events Fourth Quarter

Date	Event
10/5/2022	Autism Tree Foundation Lunch and Learn (6)
10/12/2022	Jobtoberfest - San Diego
10/13/2022	Disability Employment Awareness Fair
10/13- 14/2022	Supported Life Conference
10/18/2022	Webinar- Prepaid Card and ALR
11/4/2022	Triumph's Adaptive Sports Festival- Possible
11/9/2022	SDRC Employment Roundtable
11/16/2022	Webinar- Medi-Cal
11/19/2022	San Francisco Chapter, California Council of the Blind
11/19/2022	Legal Aid of SD Centennial Gala- possible
12/8/2022	Webinar- EGift and Rollover

Attachment 1
Enrollment Data

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At A Glance Q2 2022



"QoQ Comparing to 2022 Q1 and YoY comparing to 2021 Q2"

Assets by Portfolio Q2 2022

Assets by Portfolio		%	QoQ	YoY
FDIC-INSURED PORTFOLIO	\$29.7M	38.3%	▲ 8%	▲ 58%
AGGRESSIVE GROWTH PORTFOLIO	\$18.2M	23.5%	▼ -8%	▲ 34%
MODERATE PORTFOLIO	\$15.5M	19.9%	▼ -6%	▲ 31%
CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO	\$14.1M	18.2%	◆ 0%	▲ 34%

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Accounts by Portfolio Q2 2022

Accounts by Portfolio		%	QoQ	YoY
FDIC-INSURED PORTFOLIO	5,083	33.3%	▲ 6%	▲ 43%
CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO	3,531	23.1%	▲ 6%	▲ 40%
MODERATE PORTFOLIO	3,495	22.9%	▲ 4%	▲ 41%
AGGRESSIVE GROWTH PORTFOLIO	3,154	20.7%	▲ 4%	▲ 42%

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Attachment 2
Enrollment Analysis

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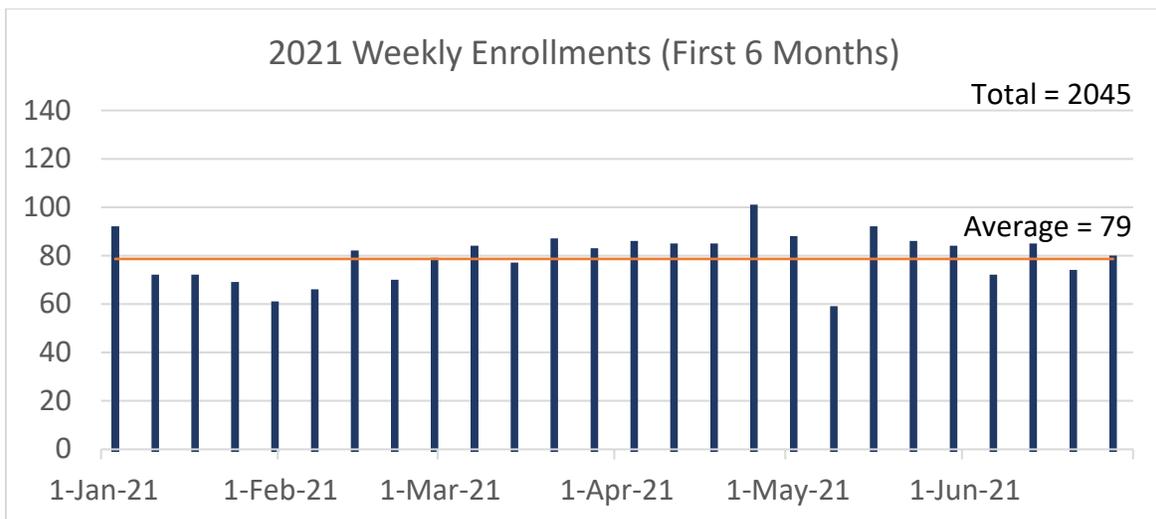
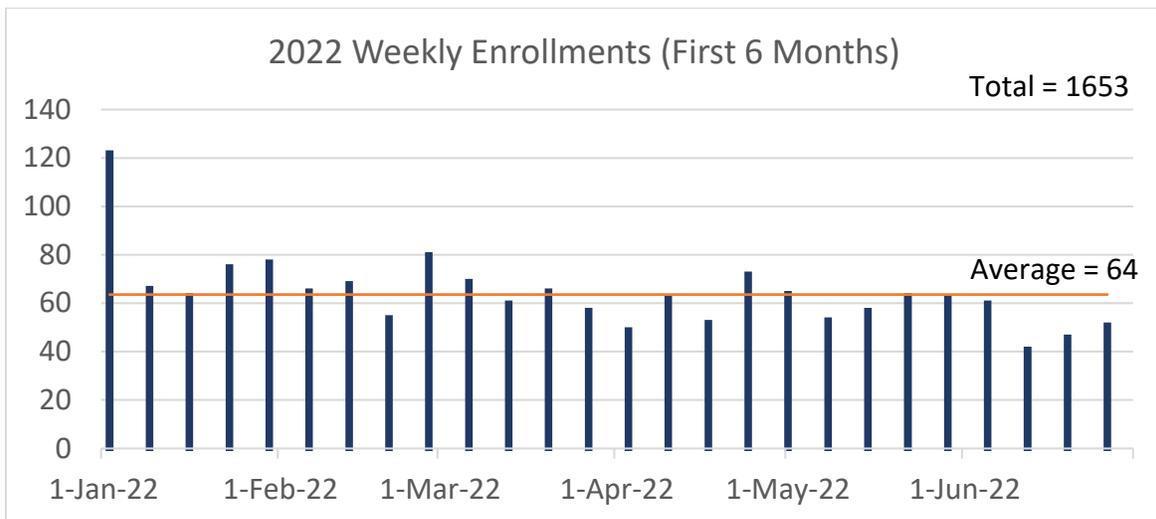


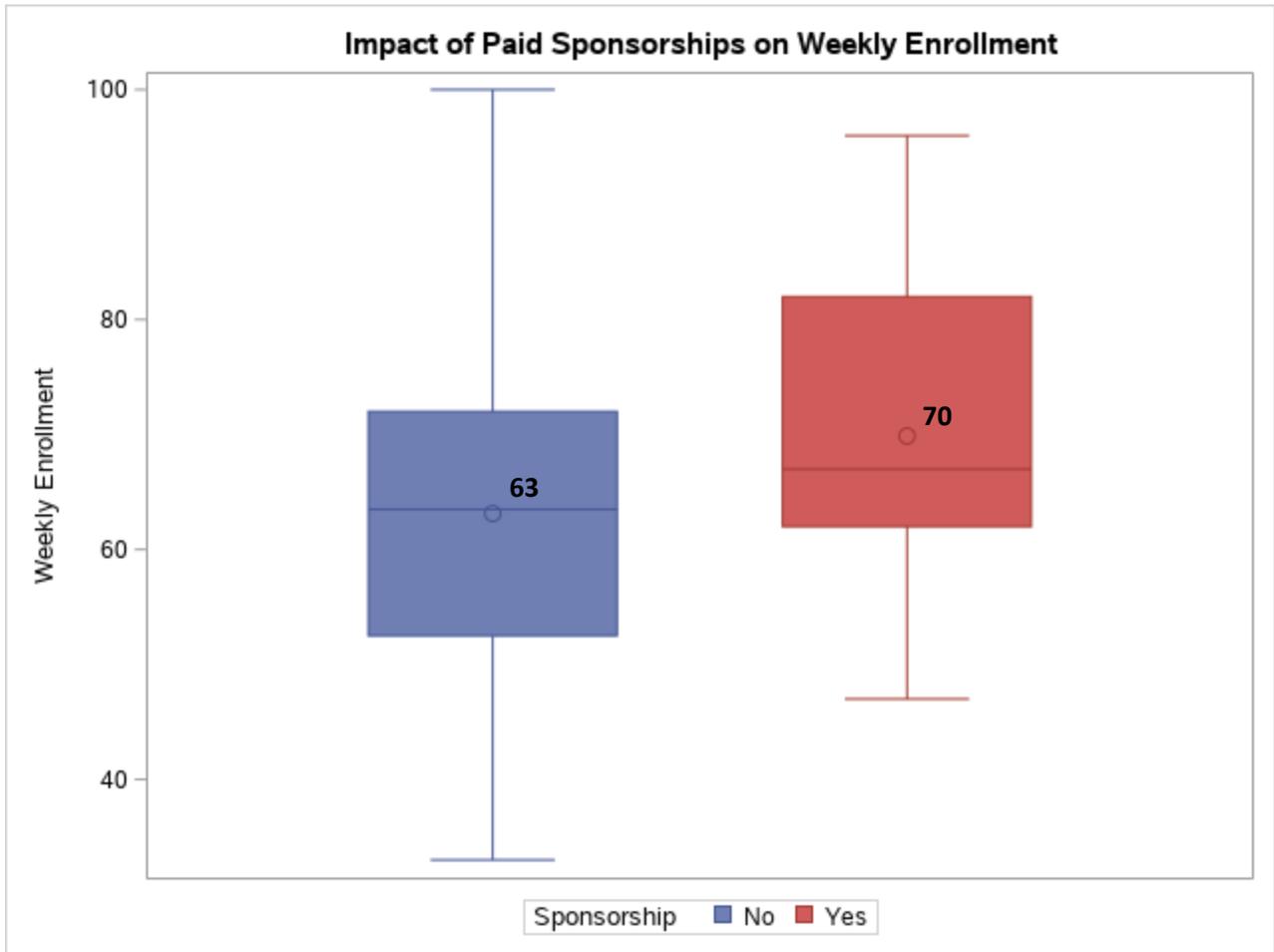
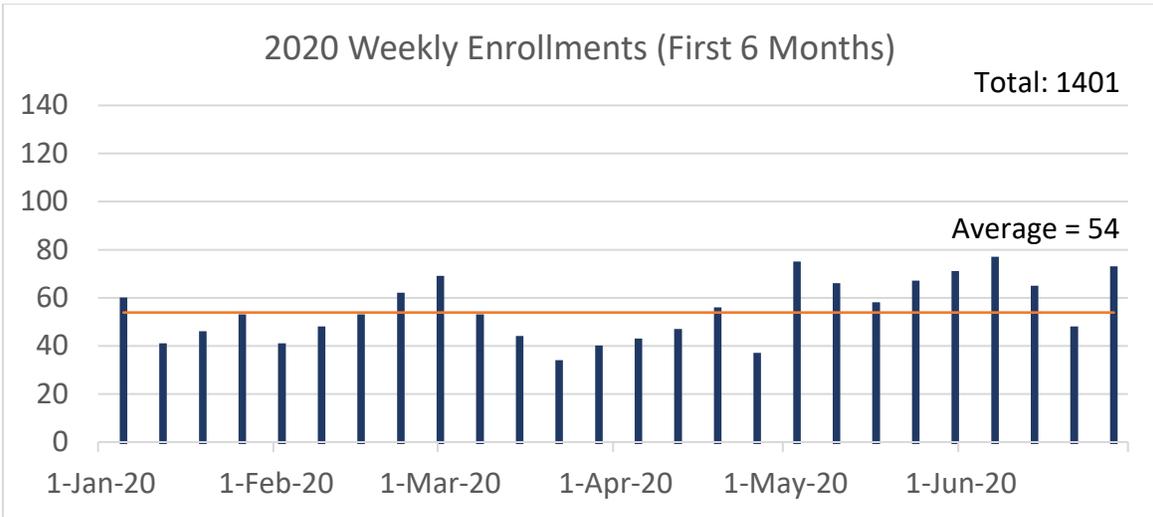
CalABLE Weekly Enrollment Analysis

Summary

During the first 6 months of 2022, there was an average of 64 weekly enrollments in CalABLE. This can be compared to an average of 79 and 54 weekly enrollments during the first 6 months of 2021 and 2020, respectively.

In a preliminary analysis, paid sponsorships were found to increase weekly enrollment. During weeks when CalABLE sponsored an event, there was an average of 70 new enrollments compared to regular weeks which had an average of 63 new enrollments. The impact of CalABLE outreach events on enrollment has not been analyzed at this time.





Attachment 3
Budget

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CalABLE Budget Detail

Fiscal Year 2021-22

FISCAL Year End Totals

Legislative Loans Status					
Loan Information	Loan Authority	Amount Transferred	Transfer Date	Interest Rate	Repayment Due
SB 826 - Budget Act of 2016	\$850,000				6/30/2024
AB 97 - Budget Act of 2017	\$650,000				6/30/2024
SB840- Budget Act of 2018	\$1,750,000				6/30/2024
AB 74 - Budget Act of 2019	\$1,070,000				6/30/2024
SB 74 - Budget Act of 2020	\$500,000				6/30/2024
Total	\$4,820,000				

Staff Expenditures			
Description	Projected Expenditures	Y-T-D Actual Expenditures	% Spent
Personal Salaries and Wages	\$291,000	\$293,128	101%
Personnel Benefits	\$154,000	\$95,417	62%
Total Staff Expenditures	\$445,000	\$385,545	87%

Operating Equipment and Expenses			
Description	Projected Expenditures	Y-T-D Actual Expenditures	% Spent
In-State Travel	\$3,000	\$0.0	0.0%
Out-of-State Travel	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Contracts	\$651,000	\$491,879	76%
Administrative Expenses	\$91,000	\$109,450	120%
Total OE&E Expenditures	\$755,000	\$601,329	81%

Total Program Expenditures				
General Fund Allocation	Current Year Staff Expenditures	Current Year OE&E Expenditures	Total Encumbered Funds	Total Loan Funds Remaining
\$1,195,000	\$445,000	\$755,000	\$989,874	\$4,820,000

External Contracts (Thru 8/30/22)					
Vendor	Term	Contract Total	Total Contract Expenditures	Remaining	% Spent
AKF Consulting Group Program Consulting Services	1/1/18-11/30/21	\$337,050	\$223,401	\$113,649	66.3%
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Meketa Investment Group, Inc Investment Consulting Services	4/1/19-3/30/22	\$294,750	\$109,297	\$185,453	37.1%
Meketa Investment Group, Inc Investment Consulting Services	4/1/22-3/30/24	\$160,000	\$12,675	\$147,325	7.9%
Program 11, LLC Marketing Consulting Services	7/1/21-6/30/23	\$552,226	\$315,289	\$236,937	57.1%
TIAA-CREF Intuition Program Administrator	9/1/18-8/31/23	\$695,500	\$695,500	\$0.00	100%
Class Act Interpreting, Inc ASL Interpreting Services	7/1/22-6/30/24	\$14,000	\$260	\$13,740	1.9%
Eaton Interpreting Services, Inc. Captioning Services	7/1/22-6/30/24	\$14,000	\$240	\$13,760	1.7%
Lazar Spanish Translation Services	7/1/22-6/30/24	\$14,000	\$0.0	\$14,000	0.0%
State Treasurer's Office IT, Legal, Personnel, and Other Administrative Services	7/1/21-6/30/22	\$45,931	\$45,931	\$0	100.0%
State Treasurer's Office Building Rent and Shared Security Services	7/1/21-6/30/22	\$21,639	\$21,639	\$0	100.0%
Total		\$2,424,827	\$1,489,527	\$935,300	61.4%

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Attachment 4
Audit

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California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program
Annual Report

June 30, 2022

CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM
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Report of Independent Auditors

To the Trustee of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, including the related notes, which collectively comprise the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program 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 California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 US 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 US 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 California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program'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 California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program'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 Supplemental Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the accompanying management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 5 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 supplemental information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's basic financial statements. The supplemental information on pages 14 through 17 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplemental information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 31, 2022 on our consideration of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program'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 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 California's 529A Qualified ABL Program's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Baltimore, Maryland
August 31, 2022

CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

(unaudited)

As program manager of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program (the "Program"), TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. ("TFI") offers readers of the Program's financial statements this discussion and analysis of the financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2022. Readers should consider the information presented in this section in conjunction with the Program's financial statements and notes to financial statements. The Program is comprised of four investment Options (the "Options") in which account owners ("Account Owners") may invest.

Financial Highlights

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the Options within the Program posted returns as follows:

Target Risk Investment Options:

Conservative Portfolio	(8.24)%
Moderate Portfolio	(11.97)%
Aggressive Portfolio	(14.53)%

FDIC-Insured Option:

FDIC-Insured Portfolio	0.00%
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The Program received \$29.2 million in net subscriptions from Account Owners during the year ended June 30, 2022.

The Program earned \$946.9 thousand of investment income, incurred \$301.7 thousand of operating expenses and had a net decrease in fair value of investments of \$(7,163) thousand for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Program's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

This report consists of two parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, and Notes to Financial Statements that explain the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed information. The measurement focus of economic resources is where a set of financial statements report all inflows, outflows and balances effecting an entity's net position.

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position presents information on the Program's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position as of June 30, 2022. This statement, along with all of the Program's financial statements, is prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Subscriptions are recognized when enrollment in the Program is finalized; subsequent subscriptions and redemptions are recognized on trade date; expenses and liabilities are recognized when services are provided regardless of when cash is disbursed.

The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position presents information showing how the Program's assets changed during the year. Changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the current change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

This report presents the operating results and financial status of the Program, which the State of California reports as a fiduciary fund. Fiduciary fund reporting is used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the governmental entity.

Financial Analysis

Net position - The following are condensed Statements of Fiduciary Net Position as of June 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Investments	\$ 77,494,465	\$ 54,728,336
Cash	16,286	19,598
Receivables	85,245	144,321
Total Assets	77,595,996	54,892,255
Payables	56,743	148,395
Total Liabilities	56,743	148,395
Total Net Position	\$ 77,539,253	\$ 54,743,860

Net position represents total subscriptions from Account Owners, plus the net increases (decreases) from operations, less redemptions and expenses.

Investments are approximately 100% of total net position, and consist of the Options, each of which invests in varying percentages in multiple TIAA-CREF Funds, or a funding agreement (“Funding Agreement”) issued by TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company to the Board as the policy holder on behalf of the Program. The FDIC-Insured Investment Option invests in an interest-bearing custodial account at TIAA Bank. Receivables consist of securities sold, subscriptions, and accrued income. Liabilities consist mainly of payables for securities purchased, redemptions, and accrued expenses.

Changes in net position - The following are condensed Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Additions:		
Subscriptions	\$ 46,474,640	\$ 37,165,685
Investment Income	946,905	409,087
Net increase in fair value of investments	—	3,820,161
Total Additions	47,421,545	41,394,933
Deductions:		
Redemptions	(17,267,463)	(9,387,844)
Expenses:		
Administrative fee	(301,685)	(163,786)
Total expenses	(301,685)	(163,786)
Less: Administrative fee waiver	106,040	57,850
Net expenses	(195,645)	(105,936)
Net decrease in fair value of investments	(7,163,044)	—
Total Deductions	(24,626,152)	(9,493,780)
Changes in Net Position	22,795,393	31,901,153
Net position - beginning of year	54,743,860	22,842,707
Net position - end of year	\$ 77,539,253	\$ 54,743,860

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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS

Cash	\$	16,286
Investments, at value (Cost: \$82,607,846)		77,494,465
Dividends and interest receivable		37,331
Receivable from Program units sold		47,914
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>77,595,996</u>

LIABILITIES

Accrued Administrative fee		17,463
Payable for securities transactions		20,547
Payable for Program units redeemed		18,733
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>56,743</u>

NET POSITION

Held in trust for Account Owners in the Program	\$	<u>77,539,253</u>
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See notes to financial statements

**CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

ADDITIONS

Subscriptions	\$	46,474,640
Investment income:		
Interest		46,889
Dividends		900,016
Total investment income		<u>946,905</u>
Total additions		<u>47,421,545</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Redemptions		(17,267,463)
Expenses:		
Administrative fee		(301,685)
Total expenses		<u>(301,685)</u>
Less: Administrative fee waiver		106,040
Net expenses		<u>(195,645)</u>
Net decrease in fair value of investments		<u>(7,163,044)</u>
Total deductions		<u>(24,626,152)</u>
Changes in net position		22,795,393
Net position – beginning of period		54,743,860
Net position – end of period	\$	<u><u>77,539,253</u></u>

See notes to financial statements

CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 – Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

The California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program ("Program") is a tax-advantaged savings program offered by the California ABLE Act Board ("Board"), to establish and maintain programs that allow eligible individuals to save for qualified disability expenses on a tax-advantaged basis without jeopardizing eligibility for federal means-tested benefits. The Program operates under the overall direction and supervision of the Board which is chaired by the California State Treasurer. Assets in the Program are held in the CalABLE ABLE Program Trust (the "Trust") for which the Board serves as the Trustee. The responsibilities of the Board with respect to the Program include: making and entering into contracts necessary for the administration of the Trust and the Program, selecting the investment portfolios offered in the Program, managing and operating the Program, and adopting regulations for the administration of the Program. TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. ("TFI"), a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America ("TIAA"), and the Board entered into an agreement (the "Management Agreement") under which TFI provides, or arranges to provide, certain services on behalf of the Board to the Program including investment recommendations, recordkeeping, reporting, and marketing. The financial statements are for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Program is designed to be, and is intended to satisfy the requirements for treatment as, a qualified ABLE Program under Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code"). Investment Options (the "Options" or individually "Option") allocations and fees, as approved by the Board, are described in the current Disclosure Statement for the Program.

To the extent that a Target Risk Investment Option allocates assets to the Funding Agreement, the Funding Agreement provides a minimum guaranteed rate of return on the amounts allocated to it by that Investment Option. The Funding Agreement was issued by TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company ("TIAA Life") to the Board as the policyholder on behalf of the Program. The minimum effective annual interest rate will be neither less than 1% nor greater than 3% at any time. The guarantee is made by TIAA Life to the Board as the policyholder. In addition to the guaranteed rate of interest to the policyholder, the Funding Agreement allows for the possibility that additional interest may be credited as declared periodically by TIAA Life.

Account assets in the FDIC-Insured Portfolio are 100% invested in an interest-bearing custodial account at TIAA Bank, a division of TIAA, FSB, a federally chartered savings bank and an affiliate of TFI. TIAA Bank will determine the applicable interest rate on the FDIC-Insured Portfolio in its sole discretion. At its discretion and without further notice to you, TIAA Bank may, at any time, change the interest rate for the FDIC-Insured Portfolio. The interest rate paid with respect to the FDIC-Insured Portfolio may be higher or lower than the interest rate available to individuals or entities making deposits directly with TIAA Bank or other depository institutions in comparable accounts. In addition, TIAA Bank reserves the right to establish (and change) balance levels on which different rates of interest may be paid.

Teachers Advisors, LLC ("Advisors"), an affiliate of TFI, is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and provides investment advisory services to the TIAA-CREF Funds (the "Funds"). TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC ("Services"), a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of TIAA, serves as the primary distributor and underwriter for the Program and provides certain underwriting and distribution services. Services is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

The accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") which may require the use of estimates made by management and the evaluation of subsequent events. Actual results may differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Program.

Other matters: The outbreak of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and subsequent global pandemic began significantly impacting the U.S. and global financial markets and economies during the calendar quarter ended March 31, 2020. The worldwide spread of COVID-19 has created significant uncertainty in the global economy. The duration and extent of COVID-19 over the long-term cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. The ultimate impact of COVID-19 and the extent to which COVID-19 impacts the Program's normal course of business, results of operations, investments, and cash flows will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and difficult to predict. Management continues to monitor and evaluate this situation.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Investment income: Securities transactions are accounted for as of the trade date for financial reporting purposes. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividend income and capital gain distributions from the underlying mutual funds are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income distributions from underlying mutual funds are included in total investment income and gain distributions are included in net increase in fair value of investments. Realized gains and losses are based upon the specific identification method.

Income tax: No provision for federal income tax has been recorded. The Program is designed to constitute a qualified ABLE program under Section 529A of the Code and does not expect to have any unrelated business income subject to tax.

Units: The beneficial interests for each account owner ("Account Owner") in the Options are represented by Program units. Subscriptions and redemptions are recorded upon receipt of Account Owner's instructions in good order, based on the next determined net position value per unit ("Unit Value"). Unit Values for each Option are determined at the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange. The Unit Value for financial reporting purposes may differ from the Unit Value for processing transactions. The Unit Value for financial reporting purposes includes security and shareholder transactions through the date of this report. There are no distributions of net investment gains or net investment income to the Option's Account Owners or beneficiaries.

Subscriptions and Redemptions: Subscriptions on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position include any subscriptions to the Program made by Account Owners and any exchanges within the Program that result in a reinvestment of assets. Redemptions on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position include any redemptions from the Program made by Account Owners and any exchanges within the Program that result in a withdrawal and subsequent reinvestment of assets.

Note 2 – Valuation of Investments

Fair value measurements are grouped categorically into three levels, as defined by the GASB. The levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, credit spreads, etc.)
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Program's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Program's major categories of investments follows:

Investments in registered investment companies: These investments are valued at their published net asset value on the valuation date. These investments are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Funding Agreements: The Funding Agreements, to which the Conservative Portfolio and Moderate Portfolio allocate assets, are considered a nonparticipating interest-earning investment contract and are accounted for at cost. Because the Funding Agreements are valued at cost, they are not included in the fair value hierarchy.

FDIC-Insured Portfolio: The TIAA Bank FDIC-Insured Savings Account ("Savings Account") to which the FDIC-Insured Portfolio allocates assets, is considered a non-participating interest-earning investment contract and is accounted for at cost. Because the Savings Account is valued at cost, it is not included in the fair value hierarchy.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 3 – Program Fees

For its services in administering the Program, each Option pays to the Board a State administrative fee at an annual rate of 0.44% of the average daily net assets of the Option. Currently the 0.44% State administrative fee for the FDIC-Insured Option is being waived by the Board.

These amounts are reflected in the expenses on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

All Accounts are subject to the annual maintenance fee of \$37. While this is not a fund expense, a pro-rated portion of the annual maintenance fee will be deducted proportionately from each investment Option in which you are invested on a monthly basis.

The Options are not charged with management fees, but Advisors is paid investment management fees on the underlying investments in the Funds (with the exception of the FDIC-Insured Option).

Note 4 – Investments

Cash deposits: Cash deposits at June 30, 2022 were covered by federal depository insurance coverage.

Investments: As of June 30, 2022, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of portfolio investments was \$(5,113,381) consisting of gross unrealized appreciation of \$0 and gross unrealized depreciation of \$5,113,381.

As of June 30, 2022, the Program's investments consist of the following:

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>
TIAA-CREF Funds (Institutional Class):			
Bond Index Fund	1,508,664	\$ 16,873,466	\$ 14,920,690
Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	164,439	2,066,262	1,720,030
Equity Index Fund	645,037	19,047,369	17,409,538
Inflation-Linked Bond Fund	343,722	4,187,889	3,839,371
International Equity Index Fund	290,976	6,219,817	5,391,793
TIAA Bank:			
FDIC-Insured Savings Account	29,715,802	29,715,802	29,715,802
TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company:			
Funding Agreements	4,497,241	4,497,241	4,497,241
		\$ 82,607,846	\$ 77,494,465

Note 5 – Investment Risks

Certain investments are subject to a variety of investment risks based on the amount of risk in the underlying funds. GASB requires that entities disclose certain essential risk information about deposits and investments. All of the Program's Options are uninsured, unregistered and are held by a custodian in the Program's name.

Investment Policy: The Program does not have specific investment policies which address credit, interest rate, foreign currency or custodial credit risk. The Program's Options are managed based on specific investment objectives and strategies which are disclosed in the Program's current Disclosure Booklet.

Custodial credit risk: Custodial credit risk represents the potential inability of a custodian to return the Program's deposits and investments in the event of a failure. An Account Owner has an investment in a Option and not a direct investment in any Fund or other investment vehicle to which funds in that Option may be allocated. Because of this ownership structure, the custodial credit risk is mitigated.

Credit risk: The Funds investing primarily in fixed income securities are subject to credit risk. Credit risk refers to the ability of the issuer to make timely payments of interest and principal. The Funds do not carry a formal credit quality rating. The Funding Agreement is a guaranteed insurance product issued by TIAA Life. TIAA Life had a Standard & Poor's credit rating of AA+ at June 30, 2022. The Savings Account is an interest-bearing custodial account at TIAA Bank and it is an investment of the FDIC-Insured Option.

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Interest rate risk: Interest rate risk represents exposure to changes in the fair value of investments due to volatility in interest rates. At June 30, 2022, the average maturities for the fixed income mutual funds are as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity</u>
TIAA-CREF Funds (Institutional Class):		
Bond Index Fund	\$ 14,920,690	8.73 years
Inflation-Linked Bond Fund	3,839,371	4.80 years

Investments in the FDIC-Insured Portfolio are FDIC insured up to \$250,000, subject to certain FDIC limits and restrictions.

Foreign currency risk: Foreign currency risk represents exposure to changes in the fair value of investments due to volatility in exchange rates. The Program does not have any direct investment in foreign securities. Certain Program Options allocate assets to Funds that are exposed to foreign currency risk. At June 30, 2022, the value of investments in the Funds that significantly invest in foreign denominated contracts are as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Value</u>
TIAA-CREF Funds (Institutional Class):	
Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	\$ 1,720,030
International Equity Index Fund	5,391,793

Note 6 - Guarantees and Indemnifications

Under the Program's organizational documents, each officer, employee or other agent of the Program (including TFI) is indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Program. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Program enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Program's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Program that have not yet occurred. However, the Program has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts, and management expects the risk of loss to be remote.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The following information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program (the "Program"). It shows financial information relating to the investment Options, which are included in the Program for the period ended June 30, 2022.

**CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022**

Target Risk Investment Options

	Conservative Portfolio	Moderate Portfolio	Aggressive Growth Portfolio	Total
ASSETS				
Investments, at value:				
TIAA-CREF Funds:				
Bond Index Fund	\$ 6,072,653	\$ 5,808,193	\$ 3,039,844	\$ 14,920,690
Emerging Markets Equity Fund	194,995	530,720	994,315	1,720,030
Equity Index Fund	1,908,543	5,175,864	10,325,131	17,409,538
Inflation-Linked Bond Fund	1,625,460	1,454,705	759,206	3,839,371
International Equity Index Fund	612,235	1,665,933	3,113,625	5,391,793
SUBTOTAL	10,413,886	14,635,415	18,232,121	43,281,422
TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company:				
Funding Agreement	3,688,711	808,530	—	4,497,241
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	14,102,597	15,443,945	18,232,121	47,778,663
Cash	20,806	—	—	20,806
Dividends and interest receivable	18,329	12,961	6,041	37,331
Receivable from Program units sold	1,153	16,141	11,434	28,728
TOTAL ASSETS	14,142,885	15,473,047	18,249,596	47,865,528
LIABILITIES				
Overdraft payable	—	271	4,249	4,520
Accrued administrative fee	5,080	5,658	6,725	17,463
Payable for securities transactions	7,450	2,260	5,953	15,663
Payable for Program units redeemed	4,431	—	—	4,431
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,961	8,189	16,927	42,077
NET POSITION	\$ 14,125,924	\$ 15,464,858	\$ 18,232,669	\$ 47,823,451
UNITS OUTSTANDING	1,268,750	1,266,371	1,365,627	
NET POSITION VALUE PER UNIT	\$ 11.13	\$ 12.21	\$ 13.35	
INVESTMENTS AT COST	\$ 15,419,299	\$ 17,247,045	\$ 20,225,700	\$ 52,892,044

**CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022**

**FDIC-Insured
Investment Option**

	FDIC-Insured Portfolio	Total
ASSETS		
Investments, at value:		
TIAA Bank:		
TIAA Bank FDIC-Insured Savings Account	\$ 29,715,802	\$ 29,715,802
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	29,715,802	29,715,802
Receivable from Program units sold	19,186	19,186
TOTAL ASSETS	29,734,988	29,734,988
LIABILITIES		
Payable for securities transactions	4,884	4,884
Payable for Program units redeemed	14,302	14,302
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,186	19,186
NET POSITION	\$ 29,715,802	\$ 29,715,802
UNITS OUTSTANDING	2,950,015	
NET POSITION VALUE PER UNIT	\$ 10.07	
INVESTMENTS AT COST	\$ 29,715,802	\$ 29,715,802

**CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

Target Risk Investment Options

	Conservative Portfolio	Moderate Portfolio	Aggressive Growth Portfolio	Total
ADDITIONS				
Subscriptions	\$ 8,561,538	\$ 8,523,488	\$ 10,242,630	\$ 27,327,656
Increase from investment operations:				
Interest	32,641	7,047	—	39,688
Dividends from underlying funds	259,144	316,306	324,566	900,016
Realized gain distributions from underlying funds	41,386	66,809	97,664	205,859
Net realized gain on investments in underlying fund shares	204,929	408,221	373,332	986,482
Net increase from investment operations	538,100	798,383	795,562	2,132,045
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$ 9,099,638	\$ 9,321,871	\$ 11,038,192	\$ 29,459,701
DEDUCTIONS				
Redemptions	\$ 3,731,117	\$ 2,819,094	\$ 2,502,803	\$ 9,053,014
Expenses:				
Administrative fee, net	56,361	63,775	75,509	195,645
Total expenses	56,361	63,775	75,509	195,645
Net unrealized depreciation on underlying fund shares	1,702,378	2,820,721	3,832,286	8,355,385
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 5,489,856	\$ 5,703,590	\$ 6,410,598	\$ 17,604,044
NET POSITION				
Net increase in fiduciary net position	3,609,782	3,618,281	4,627,594	11,855,657
Beginning of year	10,516,142	11,846,577	13,605,075	35,967,794
End of year	\$ 14,125,924	\$ 15,464,858	\$ 18,232,669	\$ 47,823,451

**CALIFORNIA'S 529A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM
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**FDIC-Insured
 Investment Option**

	FDIC-Insured Portfolio	Total
ADDITIONS		
Subscriptions	\$ 19,146,984	\$ 19,146,984
Increase from investment operations:		
Interest	7,201	7,201
Net increase from investment operations	7,201	7,201
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>\$ 19,154,185</u>	<u>\$ 19,154,185</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Redemptions	\$ 8,214,449	\$ 8,214,449
Expenses:		
Administrative fee	106,040	106,040
Total expenses	106,040	106,040
Less: Administrative fee waiver	\$ (106,040)	\$ (106,040)
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$ 8,214,449</u>	<u>\$ 8,214,449</u>
NET POSITION		
Net increase in fiduciary net position	10,939,736	10,939,736
Beginning of year	18,776,066	18,776,066
End of year	<u>\$ 29,715,802</u>	<u>\$ 29,715,802</u>

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*

To the Trustees of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the "basic financial statements"), and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no

instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the California's 529A Qualified ABLE Program's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Baltimore, Maryland
August 31, 2022