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Governmental Accounting Standards Board
401 Merritt 7
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RE: Comments on GASB Project No. 24-16g, Exposure Draft – Implementation Guidance Update - 2023

The Financial Management Standards Board (FMSB) of the AGA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board’s proposed standards.

We appreciated the questions and answers, as they provide helpful clarification to situations and questions our members are facing. We also appreciated the inclusion of Appendix B to show the tracked changes for amendments to previously issued questions and answers. This would have been a time-consuming task to attempt to locate and compare to the answer in its current form in order to understand the change. We hope that future exposure drafts continue this helpful practice.

We have one recommendation for the Board to consider amending the answer for Question 4.9. In this case, the scenario could be construed as meeting criteria of GASB 100 paragraph 9a (addition or removal of a fund) or paragraph 9b (change in a fund’s presentation as major or nonmajor). The answer appropriately addresses and explains criteria of paragraph 9a but does not address 9b. Some of our members presumed that criteria in paragraph 9b would not apply because the fund no longer exists and paragraph 9b was only intended to address situations where major fund presentation changes had existed and continues to exist. We believe the answer would be more helpful if it explicitly addressed the application of paragraph 9b to this situation as well.

Sincerely,

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