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Response to the release of the TN State Comptroller Investigative Report

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On December 2nd, the TN State Comptroller released its investigative report on the Metro Human Relations Commission regarding misuse of Metro Nashville funds.

The MHRC became aware of these concerns in June 2024. Executive Director Tucker promptly notified the outgoing and incoming Chairs about the investigation. Since then, MHRC staff have been in full cooperation with Metro Legal and the Department of Finance. Due to the active investigation, MHRC leadership was restricted from sharing information Commission and the public at large regarding this matter.

During this period, MHRC has fully cooperated with Metro Legal and the Department of Finance to institute internal controls and updated policies to ensure that all financial decisions are properly reviewed, verified, and compliant with state, local, and federal laws.

MHRC Chair Dr. Ben Tran says, “First and foremost, we appreciate and thank the Tennessee Comptroller’s Office for its thorough and comprehensive investigation. Their work is essential to maintaining public trust and accountability in Tennessee institutions. As the chair of the MHRC, I value their diligence throughout this process. We, the Commission, have worked with Metro Finance to implement internal plans and controls to ensure fiduciary transparency and accountability. MHRC remains committed to equity, understanding, and human rights protections for all Nashville and Davidson County residents.”

Executive Director Tucker shared, “Since being made aware of the investigation, we have worked with Finance and Legal to make concrete structural changes to ensure the integrity of all financial transactions at MHRC.”

Further questions regarding this report will be addressed at MHRC meeting scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2026, (location to be determined). All meetings are open to the public. MHRC encourages the public to submit comments in person or online at <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/human-relations>

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