



## MINUTES

### AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Public Meeting held in-person and telephonically on November 9, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. CT  
Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

#### **Committee Members** **Present/(Absent)**

Michael Benson, Committee  
Chair  
Michael Granof  
(Amy Hunter)  
Dick Lavine  
Anthony Ross

#### **Guests:**

Paige Saenz, General  
Counsel  
Kevin Balaod,  
WithIntelligence  
Bhakti Patel, CLA

#### **Other Board Trustees** **Present/(Absent)**

Kelly Crook  
Yuejiao Liu  
Chris Noak†  
(Leslie Pool)  
Brad Sinclair  
Diana Thomas

#### **Staff:**

Christopher Hanson  
Russell Nash  
Sarah McCleary  
Teresa Cantu  
Jenni Bonds  
Yun Quintanilla  
Mehrin Rahman  
Cathy Edwards\*  
David Kushner  
Amy Kelley\*

\*present telephonically

† present videoconference

### **1 Call roll of Committee members**

Committee Chair Michael Benson called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m. The following Committee members were present in person: Benson, Granof, Lavine, and Ross.

### **2 Review order of business and meeting objectives**

Committee Chair Benson reviewed the order of business and meeting objectives with the Committee. Mr. Benson asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak, either now or during an agenda item. There were no comments.

### **3 Consider approval of the August 31, 2023 Audit and Risk Committee minutes**

Committee Chair Benson asked the Committee to review the Audit and Risk

Committee minutes. Mr. Anthony Ross moved approval of the August 31, 2023 minutes as presented. Mr. Dick Lavine seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**4 Discuss and consider CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) statement of work for 12/31/2023 financial statement audit**

Ms. Bhakti Patel outlined the statement of work planned for financial statement audit for the year ending December 31, 2023 including the scope of audit services, objectives, and management's responsibilities.

Mr. Ross moved to refer the statement of work with CLA for the 12/31/2023 financial statement audit to the Board for approval as revised on the billing schedule and pending review by General Counsel. Mr. Michael Granof seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**5 Discuss and consider the COAERS Enterprise Risk Management program**

Mr. Christopher Hanson presented the proposed Enterprise Risk Management Program for 2024. He noted that the categories had not changed, though the ranking and action items were updated. He discussed with the Committee key strategic and risk management plans for 2024. The Committee provided feedback on the risk management dashboard.

*Ms. Thomas left the meeting from 12:50 p.m. to 12:53 p.m.*

The Committee directed Staff to proceed with the Risk Management plan for 2024 with edits to the personnel tab.

**6 Receive third quarter 2023 unaudited financial statements**

Ms. Yun Quintanilla presented the September 30, 2023 unaudited financial statements.

**7 Receive Cybersecurity update**

**A. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and Section 551.089, Texas Government Code, to consult with legal counsel and deliberate security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information described in Section 2059.055, Texas Government Code, and deployment and implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, and security devices**

**B. Reconvene into open session to take action as determined appropriate regarding security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information described in Section**

**2059.055, Texas Government Code, and deployment and implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, and security devices**

The Committee convened into Executive Session at 12:59 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 1:19 p.m.

**8 Review 2023 Committee Work Plan and discuss development of 2024 Work Plan**

Mr. Hanson noted that the Committee had completed all goals on the 2023 Work Plan. A draft of the 2024 Committee Work Plan was presented.

*Ms. Crook left the meeting at 1:21 p.m.*

**9 Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items**

Committee Chair Benson summarized the actions taken and information discussed at the meeting and provided an opportunity to add future agenda items.

As there were no other items to address, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 6, 2024 meeting.