CITY OF AUSTIN

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MINUTES

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Public Meeting held in-person and videoconference

Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

4700 Mueller Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Committee Members Present/(Absent)

Michael Benson, Committee Chair
Michael Granof
Dick Lavine
Chris Noak
Anthony Ross

Guests:
Paige Saenz, General Counsel

Other Board Trustees Present/(Absent)

Kelly Crook
Yuejiao Liu
(Leslie Pool)
(Brad Sinclair)
Diana Thomas
(Ed Van Eenoo)

Others Present

Staff:
Christopher Hanson
Sarah McCleary
Russell Nash
Jenni Bonds
Yun Quintanilla
Mehrin Rahman
David Kushner*
Amy Kelley*
David Stafford

* Present telephonically
† Present via videoconference

1 Call roll of Committee members

Committee Chair Michael Benson called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. The following Committee members were present in person: Benson, Noak, 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. There were no changes to the order of business for the meeting.

3 Receive public comments

Committee Chair 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.

4 Consider approval of the August 30, 2024 Audit and Risk Committee minutes

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

Committee minutes. Mr. Chris Noak moved approval of the August 30, 2024 minutes as presented. Mr. Michael Granof seconded, and the motion passed 4 yes (Noak, Granof, Lavine, Benson) – 1 abstain (Ross).

5 Discuss and consider CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) engagement letter

Mr. Russell Nash presented the proposed statement of work for the 12/31/2024 financial statement audit and noted a decrease in fees from CLA's initial proposal.

Mr. Noak moved to refer to the Board for approval the statement of work with CLA for the 12/31/2024 financial statement audit with placement on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Granof seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6 Discuss and consider COAERS Enterprise Risk Management Program

Mr. Christopher Hanson presented a draft of the 2025 Enterprise Risk Management Program (ERM), noting that some categories had changed in their listed risk level, but all categories require consistent monitoring and the listed mitigation activities. Mr. Hanson also discussed that the ERM program is considered a living document and can change if circumstances warrant. Committee Chair Benson directed Staff to proceed with the Risk Management Plan for 2025 as presented.

7 Discuss and consider Enterprise Risk Management Policy

Mr. Hanson noted that the Enterprise Risk Management Policy was created in 2021 and due for review in 2024. Mr. Hanson reported that after review by staff, there were no proposed substantive edits and noted that the policy was serving the Committee well.

Mr. Ross moved to refer to the Board for approval the Enterprise Risk Management Policy as presented, with placement on the Consent agenda. Mr. Granof seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8 Discuss and consider Audit and Risk Committee Charter

Mr. Nash presented a proposed draft of the Committee Charter and suggested one edit, reflecting that the administrative budget had been moved from the Committee's responsibilities when the Committee was renamed to Audit and Risk, and the Policy Committee now oversees the administrative budget.

Mr. Noak moved to refer to the Board for approval the Benefits and Services Committee Charter as presented, with placement on the Consent agenda. Mr. Ross seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9 Receive report on the third quarter 2024 unaudited financial statements

Ms. Yun Quintanilla presented the September 30, 2024 unaudited financial statements and answered questions.

10 Review 2024 Committee Work Plan and discuss development of 2025 Work Plan

The Committee noted that all items on the 2024 Work Plan were complete and reviewed a draft of the 2025 Committee Work Plan.

11 Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items

Committee Chair Benson summarized the actions taken and the information discussed during the meeting and asked for any future agenda items.

As there were no further items to address, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 5, 2025 Audit and Risk Committee meeting.