

**Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System
Audit Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2019**

The Audit Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, December 12, 2019, in the fourth floor conference room of the Retirement Systems Building located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Ms. Virginia Burton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary.

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Janice Lansing, Ms. Virginia Burton, Judge William Kleinpeter, Ms. Beverly Hodges

Staff Present: Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Ms. Maris LeBlanc, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Trey Boudreaux, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Mr. Paul Tran, Auditor; Mr. Reece Babin, Auditor; Ms. Nicole Xue, Auditor; Ms. Laura Sena, Auditor; Mr. Darren Fournerat, Assistant Chief Investment Officer; Mr. Eric Schoonmaker, IT Deputy Director; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Fiscal Officer; Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary

Also Present: Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Barbara McManus, Ms. Lori Pierce*, Mr. John Broussard (designee of the Treasurer), Representative Kevin Pearson, Ms. Lorry Trotter, and Mr. Rhett Humphries, NEPC

A quorum was present and the meeting opened for business.

Public Comment

Ms. Rougeou acknowledged and thanked Ms. Labello and Ms. Celestine for their preparation of the Board lunch.

Regular Business

Ms. Burton called for approval of the minutes of the September 26, 2019 Audit Committee Meeting. **Ms. Hodges moved, seconded by Mr. Bickham, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion passed.**

Mr. Babin reviewed the Fiscal Year Ending 2020 Audit Projects Status Report. He highlighted the following ongoing and upcoming projects:

- Master Custodian Bank Review (BNY Mellon)
- IT Security Management Review

New Business

Mr. Babin reviewed the Employer Pension Audit Report (GASB 68) for FYE 2019, which received an unmodified opinion on the financial statements – the highest level opinion that can be achieved. Compliance and internal controls were reviewed, and there were no areas of material weakness or issues of non-compliance found.

Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Lansing, to recommend the Board accept the Employer Pension Audit Report (GASB 68) for FYE 2019, as presented. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Mr. Babin presented the annual closed items report.

Mr. Babin reviewed the Audit Committee satisfaction survey results. He stated all responses received were positive.

Mr. Babin reviewed the executive summary of audit reports.

Mr. Babin stated that he reports to a level within the organization that allows the internal audit activity to fulfill its responsibilities. Furthermore, he confirms to the audit committee that the internal audit activity continues to maintain its organizational independence.

Audit Director's Comments

Mr. Babin introduced the audit team to the Committee.

Executive Director's Comments

Ms. Rougeou provided a Division Director spotlight on Mr. Babin.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.