Special Audit Committee and Special Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 21, 2021 9:30 A.M. or immediately following the Executive/Finance Committee meeting

San Diego International Airport SDCRAA Administration Building 3225 N. Harbor Drive San Diego, California 92101

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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members: Blakespear, Casillas Salas, Lloyd, Van Sambeek,

Vann (Chair), Vargas, Wong Nickerson

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AUDIT COMMITTEE TRAINING - AN EFFECTIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Audit Committee accept the information.

Presented by: Lee Parravano, Chief Auditor; and, Danny Martinez, Managing Director, BKD, LLP

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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- 1) Persons wishing to address the Board, ALUC, and Committees shall submit an email to the Clerk at clerk@san.org prior to the initiation of the portion of the agenda containing the item to be addressed (e.g., Public Comment and General Items). Failure to submit an email shall not preclude testimony, if permission to address the Board is granted by the Chair.
- 2) The Public Comment Section at the beginning of the agenda is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board, ALUC, and Committees on any matter for which another opportunity to speak is not provided on the Agenda, and on matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 3) Persons wishing to speak on specific items listed on the agenda will be afforded an opportunity to speak during the presentation of individual items. Persons wishing to speak on specific items should reserve their comments until the specific item is taken up by the Board, ALUC and Committees.
- 4) If many persons have indicated a desire to address the Board, ALUC and Committees on the same issue, then the Chair may suggest that these persons consolidate their respective testimonies. Testimony by members of the public on any item shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual speaker and five (5) minutes for applicants, groups and referring jurisdictions.
- 5) Pursuant to Authority Policy 1.33 (8), recognized groups must register with the Authority Clerk prior to the meeting.

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An Effective Audit Committee

June 21, 2021





Agenda

- Purpose
- Responsibilities
- Importance of an Audit Committee
- Best Practices
- Emerging Trends
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Overview

Purpose

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Provide structured, systematic oversight over governance, risk management, and internal control practices

Serve as a guardian of the public trust

Purpose

Assist the Board of Directors and management by providing advice and guidance related to:

- Values and ethics
- Governance structure
- Risk management

Assist the Board of Directors and management by providing advice and guidance related to:

- Internal control framework
- Oversight of Office of the Chief Auditor, external auditors, and other providers of assurance
- Financial statements and public accountability reporting

Responsibilities

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- Pursuant to Public Utilities Code §170018 the Committee shall, at a minimum:
 - Regularly review the Authority's accounting, audit, and performance monitoring processes;
 - 2) At the time of contract renewal, recommend to the appropriate committee and the Authority Board its nomination for an external auditor and the compensation of that auditor, and consider at least every three years, whether there should be a rotation of the audit firm or the lead audit partner to ensure continuing auditor independence;
 - 3) Advise the appropriate committee and the Authority Board regarding the selection of the auditor;

Responsibilities

- Pursuant to Public Utilities Code §170018 the Committee shall, at a minimum (cont.):
 - 4) Be responsible for oversight and monitoring of internal and external audit functions, and monitoring performance of, and internal compliance with, authority policies and procedures;
 - 5) Be responsible for overseeing the annual audit by the external auditors and any internal audits; and
 - 6) Make recommendations to the full Authority Board regarding the points listed above.

Importance

Importance of an Audit Committee

- Provide actionable insights to oversee and improve financial practices and reporting
 - Utilize internal and external audit to review and maintain effectiveness of organizational controls and external financial reporting
 - Audit committees often work in partnership with the finance committee
- Create and maintain effective anti-fraud programs
 - Audit committee members play a proactive role with management and auditors to create an organization-wide fraud prevention and detection program
 - Can also encourage Authority's leadership team to establish an ethics and compliance program

Importance of an Audit Committee

Enhance the internal audit function

- Internal audit team can serve as the audit committee's "eyes and ears" regarding the ability to meet financial and compliance responsibilities
- Ensures that the Authority adjusts practices and internal controls as needed
- Oversee the Authority's external audit
 - Meet with external auditors to monitor their services and activities to ensure independence between the external auditor and the management team
- Strengthen credibility with stakeholders
 - An audit committee communicates a message of independence, reliability, and trust
 - Builds public confidence towards the Authority

Best Practices

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1

Remain current with emerging accounting principles and practices

2

Ensure management takes responsibility for the financial statements

3

Attend executive meetings, retreats, etc. periodically and meet with internal auditor at least annually

Best Practices

Interact with internal and external audit regularly

 Establishes a clear and direct environment that allows candid communication

Report to the board of the following:

- Technical issues uncovered
- Legal environment, including any pending lawsuits
- Compliance with regulations and contracts

Emerging Issues

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- Balancing core responsibilities with emerging priorities
 - The shift from working in the office to WFH has created a new environment for human error and fraud to occur
- Remaining informed through virtual communication
 - Audit committees rely on actionable and timely information to carry out their oversight role, which was more difficult given the current crisis
- Management of additional funding related to COVID-19

Emerging Issues

- Permanent industry changes and the impact on contractual agreements
- Cybersecurity attacks on the rise
 - Colonial pipeline
 - Federal and State Legislation

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- Webinars, seminars & articles
- Many are CPE-eligible



Navigating the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report



Introductory Section

- Letter of Transmittal
- Authority Organization Chart
- Authority Board Members and Executive Staff
- GFOA Certificate of Achievement

Independent Auditor's Report

- This will always be the first item in the financial section
- Contains the external auditor's opinion on the financial statements
- Independent Auditor's Report contains:
 - Paragraph on the responsibilities of the auditors and management
 - Paragraph explaining the scope of the audit and audit practices
 - Paragraph with the auditor's opinion on the financial statements

Management's Discussion and Analysis

- Summary of finances and analysis of changes within the year written by the Authority's management
- Presents the most significant issues, one that usually raises questions
- Written in narrative form with tables, meant to be user friendly
- Section of financial statement we suggest be read in entirety by audit committee

Basic Financial Statements

- Statement of Net Position
 - Assesses the balances of a government's assets against its liabilities
 - Net position is an indicator of a government's financial position
- Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
 - Displays operating revenues, expenses and income along with nonoperating balances
 - The metric 'Changes in Net Position' is an indicator of whether the Airport Authority's overall financial condition has improved or deteriorated during the fiscal year

Basic Financial Statements

Statement of Cash Flows

 Summarizes the amount of cash and cash equivalents entering and leaving the Authority. It looks at operating, investing and financing activities

Notes to the Financial Statements

Provide more detail to better understand the financials

- Summary of significant accounting policies
- Capital asset information
- Debt information
- Commitments and contingencies

Required Supplementary Information

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Information related to pensions
- Unaudited

Statistical Section

- Provides detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health
 - Financial trends
 - Revenue capacity
 - Operating information
 - Demographic and economic information
 - Debt capacity
 - Unaudited

Single Audit Report

- Compliance audit of your federal awards
- Displays your schedule of expenditures of federal awards and notes
- Also includes the schedule of findings and questioned costs

Questions?

