



Meeting Minutes | Finance, Administration, Audit and Compliance (FAAC) Committee

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 | 9:30 a.m.

202 Arbor Lake Dr., Columbia, SC 29223 | First Floor Conference Room

Minutes approved March 2, 2022

Board Members Present: Ms. Amanda Blankenship, Chairman Jennifer Blumenthal, Mr. Steve Matthews, and PEBA Board Vice-Chairman Rocky Pearce.

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting: Peggy Boykin, Robby Brown, Phyllis Buie, Sarah Corbett, Mike McDermott, James Manning, Heather Muller, Tammy Nichols, John Page, Travis Turner, Stephen Van Camp, and Heather Young from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA); Robin Scott and Ben Twilley from Express Scripts, Inc., and Thomas Rey from CliftonLarsonAllen.

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting Via Telephone: Amber Carter, Jessica Moak, Angie Warren, and Justin Werner from PEBA.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jennifer Blumenthal called the PEBA Finance, Administration, Audit and Compliance (FAAC) Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and stated that the public meeting notice was posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes- October 6, 2021

Mr. Steve Matthews made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Amanda Blankenship, and passed unanimously, to approve the October 6, 2021, Committee meeting minutes as presented.

III. Financial Statements Audit Review by the External Auditor

Chairman Blumenthal introduced Mr. Thomas Rey, CPA, from CliftonLarsonAllen, PEBA's External Auditor. Mr. Rey reviewed the Insurance Financial Statements and the South Carolina Retirement Systems (SCRS) Financial Statements, for the year ending June 30, 2021, as well as the Deferred Compensation Program Audit Reports for the year ending December 31, 2020. Mr. Rey reported that all three audit reports are unmodified "clean" opinions, and that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material aspects, and in conformity with the U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Mr. Rey concluded by reviewing the net pension liability in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67 for the retirement trust funds as of June 30, 2021, and thanked PEBA management and staff for their cooperation and professionalism during the audits.

Ms. Peggy Boykin, Executive Director, thanked Mr. Travis Turner, Chief Financial Officer, and his staff for all of their tremendous efforts in producing the financial statements, and stated that

PEBA received the Governmental Financial Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement in Excellence for Financial Reporting for the 34th consecutive year. Ms. Boykin noted that PEBA also received the Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC) Public Pension Standards Award for the 18th consecutive year.

IV. Internal Audit Reports

Mr. John Page, Director of Internal Audit, presented internal audit reports related to System and Organizational Control Reports, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Compliance Testing, the Annual Conflicts of Interest Certification, and the latest Internal Audit Plan Update.

V. Old Business/Director's Report

Ms. Boykin stated she would provide the Director's Report at the full Board Meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion by Mr. Matthews, which was seconded by Ms. Blankenship, and passed unanimously, the Committee meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.