



City of Atlanta

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, April 6, 2023,

9:00 A.M.

Atlanta City Council
Council Committee Room 2

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the **Audit Committee** was called to order **Thursday, April 6, 2023**, at **9:05 a.m.** by Daniel Ebersole, Vice Chair. The following members were present:

Roll call/Introduction of Members:

Attendees	Status
Danielle Hampton, Chair	Present via Teams (due to illness)
Daniel Ebersole, Vice Chair	Present
Don Penovi	Present
Dargan Burns III	Present

Others in Attendance:

Auditor's Office: Amanda Noble, City Auditor, Stephanie Jackson, Deputy City Auditor, Micheal Jones, Duane Braithwaite, Myra Hagley, Princess Jones, Lindsay Kuhn, Neeka Benton, Rebecca Robinson, Kathy McCauley, Ijegayehu Jones

Finance: Yolanda Carr, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Chukwufumnanya Johnson, Controller

Mauldin & Jenkins: Doug Moses, Partner, Hope Pendergrass, Partner

Adopt Agenda

Mr. Ebersole moved to accept the agenda with the agreement to remove Business License Administration from the agenda for the Audit Review. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burns and unanimously approved as amended.

Approve Minutes from February 2nd Meeting

Mr. Ebersole moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and that the Financial Audit Update from Mauldin and Jenkins is amended to reflect the material weakness. Motion was seconded by Mr. Penovi and unanimously approved as amended and the motion passed unanimously.

FY22 Single Audit Update

Mr. Moses presented the results of the city's Single Audit for the year ending June 30, 2022. The firm reviewed ten major programs totaling \$191.8 million, comprising 59% of total federal awards. The report issued one modified opinion on ERAP (COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program) due to a material weakness in reporting. The remaining nine programs were issued unmodified opinions.

Pensions Update

Ms. Youlanda Carr provided a brief update on the status of efforts to clean pension census data. The Pension Board had hired Deloitte and the contract is now complete. Ms. Noble noted that it was time to do another actuarial audit, but we were waiting until the data cleanup was complete. Ms. Carr said that she would add an item to the Pension Board Meeting.

Performance Audits for Review and Approval

In-Rem was presented to be approved and Mr. Ebersole moved to approve, and Mr. Dargan seconded the motion. Mrs. Hampton recused herself from the discussion because her spouse works for the Atlanta Police Department, which manages code enforcement. The remaining members voted unanimously to approve its release.

Rebecca Robinson provided a brief overview of the *Grants Management* audit. Mr. Ebersole moved to approve the audit for release; Mr. Penovi seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Myra Hagley provided a brief overview of the *Solid Waste Services* audit. Mr. Penovi moved to approve the audit for release; Mr. Burns seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Status of Current Projects

Ms. Noble presented the status of current projects to the Committee as summarized in the report.

Audit Follow-up

Mr. Jones presented the report of Open Audit Recommendations. There are currently 215 open audit recommendations; 175 are more than 90 days past their due dates. There was some discussion about recommendations left over from previous administrations. The audit team will review to assess whether some can be closed.

Risk Assessment Update

Ms. Noble presented the City Auditor's Office Risk Assessment Scoring Worksheet that will be used to gather executive's input to rank risks and apply them to the audit universe. There was discussion about how best to gather input.

City Auditor FY22 Performance Review

Mr. Burns said that he had been charged with finalizing the City Auditor's FY22 performance review. He asked Ms. Noble to get in touch with him to discuss plans regarding staff development so he can complete the review.

Other Business

No other Business

Public Comment

Mr. Matthew Kulinski, President for the Board of the Municipal Market Corporation, attended the meeting and stated that the audit for Municipal Market included several inaccuracies. He stated that he met with the auditor's to discuss the matters on March 21st, but has had no response since then. His main concern was that the auditors misstated the public subsidy for the market based on comparing cost per square foot per month to a benchmark based on cost per square foot per year. Ms. Noble responded that the auditors had determined that we had made an error and would need to issue a correction. The team was reviewing some additional data and following office procedure for assessing and correcting an error discovered after a report has been released.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Ebersole moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., Mr. Burns seconded the motion, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.