## Kentucky Public Pensions Authority Audit Committee – Special Meeting July 26, 2023, at 10:00 AM EST (9:00 AM CT) Live Video Conference/Facebook Live

#### **AGENDA**

1.	Call to Order	William O'Mara
2.	Opening Statement	Legal Services
3.	Roll Call	Sherry Rankin
4.	Public Comment	Sherry Rankin
5.	Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2023*	William O'Mara
6.	Conversion of job description from Division Director of Internal Audit to Chief Auditor*	William O'Mara
7.	Adjourn*	William O'Mara

<sup>\*</sup>Committee Action May Be Taken

# MINUTES OF MEETING KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY SPECIAL CALLED AUDIT COMMITTEE JUNE 21, 2023, 1:00 P.M., E.T. VIA LIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

At the June 21, 2023 Special Called Meeting of the Audit Committee of the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority, the following Committee members were present: William O'Mara (Chair), Betty Pendergrass, Lynn Hampton, and William Summers, V. Staff members present were CERS CEO Ed Owens, III, KRS CEO John Chilton, David Eager, Erin Surratt, Michael Board, Victoria Hale, Lori Casey, Steve Willer, Ann Case, Michael Lamb, Connie Davis, Elizabeth Smith, Kristen Coffey, Madeline Perry, William Prince, Melinda Wofford, Matthew Daugherty, Riley Morris, Ashley Gabbard, Shaun Case, Katie Park, and Sherry Rankin.

Mr. O'Mara called the meeting to order.

Mr. Board read the Opening Video Teleconference Statement.

Ms. Rankin called roll.

There being no *Public Comment* received, Mr. O'Mara introduced the agenda item *Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2023, and June 1, 2023* (Video 00:08:22 to 00:08:57). Ms. Hampton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Summers and passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Mara introduced the agenda item *Implementation of HB 587* (Video - Part 1 - 00:08:58 to 01:44:17). Mr. Board recapped the progress of the implementation of HB 587 and advised of the remaining action items required to implement the legislature.

Ms. Kristen Coffey presented the amended Charter for the KPPA Audit Committee. She reviewed each proposed change to the Charter. The Committee made several determinations regarding these proposed changes and requested other amendments. Ms. Pendergrass made a motion to approve the Charter for the KPPA Audit Committee and to present it to the KPPA as

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amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hampton passed unanimously.

Next, the Chief Auditor Position Description was presented. Ms. Lori Casey stated that the presented Position Description was written in collaboration with Ms. Coffey and the KPPA Executive Staff. Ms. Casey advised that the Position Description may be edited in the future, if needed.

Ms. Pendergrass made a motion to accept the Position Description for the Chief Auditor as presented in the Position Description Worksheet and recommend it to the KPPA. Mr. Summers seconded the motion.

Mr. Board noted a typographical error in Task 6 of the Position Description. Therefore, Ms. Pendergrass made an amended motion to accept the Position Description for the Chief Auditor as amended in the Position Description Worksheet and recommend it to the KPPA. Mr. Summers seconded the amended motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Mara inquired whether the Committee wished to discuss the administrative reporting for the Chief Auditor position. Ms. Pendergrass suggested that the KPPA Audit Committee make a recommendation to the Authority for the appointment of the Chief Auditor. The KPPA would be responsible for fleshing out details associated with the appointment, said Ms. Pendergrass.

Ms. Hampton made a motion to appoint Kristen Coffey as the Chief Auditor and forward the recommendation to the KPPA for ratification. Ms. Pendergrass seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Ms. Coffey presented the amended Charter for the KPPA Division of Internal Audit and reviewed each change with the KPPA Audit Committee. There was extensive discussion surrounding these amendments.

#### **Implementation of HB 587** (Video - Part 2 - 00:00:12 to 00:37:44)

The Facebook live stream was temporarily disconnected; however, connection was reestablished in less than 30 minutes and the meeting resumed. Ms. Coffey continued with her 2

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presentation of the amended Charter for the KPPA Division of Internal Audit. The KPPA Audit Committee continued with their discussion of the proposed changes to the Charter.

The Committee agreed that additional work was needed on the Charter for the KPPA Division of Internal Audit. Therefore, it was decided to further review the Charter at the next scheduled meeting of the KPPA Audit Committee on August 24, 2023.

\*\*\*Ms. Pendergrass exited the meeting\*\*\*

There being no further business, Mr. O'Mara adjourned the meeting.

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## **CERTIFICATION**

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded above the action of the
Committee on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all
requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in connection with this meeting.
Recording Secretary
Recording Secretary
I, as Chair of the Audit Committee of the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority, do certify that
the Minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2023, were approved by the Audit Committee on
July 26, 2023.
Committee Chair
I have reviewed the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting on June 21, 2023, for
form, content, and legality.
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Executive Director Office of Legal Services



### **Kentucky Public Pensions Authority**

## Internal Audit Administration Kentucky Public Pensions Authority

Members of the KPPA Audit Committee To:

From: Kristen N. Coffey, CICA

Division Director, Internal Audit Administration

Date: July 26, 2023

Chief Auditor Job Description Subject:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss the statements that were made at the KPPA Board meeting on June 28, 2023. Below is my attempt to clarify my comment that the Chief Auditor position is a substantial change from the Division Director position. Given that the current Division Director job description is similar to the proposed Chief Auditor job description, I can see why my comment may have been the source of confusion. Please know this was not my intent. Given the time constraints of the meeting, I was not able to fully explain my stance and for that I apologize.

The Chief Auditor job description approved by the Audit Committee on June 21, 2023, is accurate. I agree with the duties outlined and am not requesting or recommending any changes. It is my understanding that the Chief Auditor has two primary goals. These goals, identified below, are vital, reasonable, and what I would expect of the individual leading the Division of Internal Audit.

- 1. Develop a risk assessment program, as required by auditing standards, to help identify areas of risks and recommend ways to mitigate these risks.
- Evaluate the KPPA internal control system utilizing COSO guidance.

Historically, the Division of Internal Audit has only had two or three employees. As a result, the Division Director has served in more of an "Internal Audit Supervisor" role, rather than a Division Director role. While serving as Division Director at KPPA, a majority of my time has been spent on tasks that would normally be completed by audit staff, rather than a Division Director - performing audits and documenting our procedures. In the past year, the internal audit team has grown. Since the team members are in entry level positions, most of my time has been spent on training the new employees on the proper audit procedures. Newer staff also require closer supervision than an experienced auditor would require.

The overall job description of the Division Director and the Chief Auditor are similar. However, the daily tasks currently being performed by the Division Director do not seem to be the daily tasks expected to be performed by the Chief Auditor. The Chief Auditor will be responsible for the "big picture" tasks as opposed to the detailed, day-to-day work, which is consistent with other Executive and Division Director roles. The job description approved by the Audit Committee allocates 70% of the Chief Auditor's time to functional activities and 30% of the time to administrative tasks. Functional activities are those tasks related to assessing risks; evaluating internal controls; making recommendations to help mitigate risks, improve internal controls, and/or identify areas of non-compliance; etc. Administrative duties are those activities related

to staff oversight (e.g., training, reviewing, and evaluating staff). During fiscal year 2023, 35% of my time was spent on functional activities; the rest of my time was allocated to staff oversight and other administrative tasks. Additionally, House Bill 587 adds responsibilities to the Chief Auditor role that are not required of the current head of the internal audit division:

- 1. Report directly to the trustees of the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority.
  - a. As recommended by auditing standards, the Charter for the Division of Internal Audit established a
    functional reporting line to the Audit Committee and an administrative reporting line to the KPPA
    Executive Director. However, there was no statutory requirement for the Division Director to report
    to Trustees.
- 2. Work with the CERS and KRS CEOs.
  - a. The Division Director is not statutorily required to work with the CEOs of CERS or KRS.
- 3. Serve as the Appointing Authority for staff under the direct supervision of the Internal Auditor.
  - a. No one within the internal audit department currently serves as an Appointing Authority.

During the required annual evaluation, in order for the Chief Auditor to successfully meet the tasks outlined in the job description, the Charter for the Division of Internal Audit, and the new statutorily required responsibilities, the Chief Auditor will need to greatly reduce the amount of time being spent in the "Internal Audit Supervisor" role.

I hope this clarifies my comments, and again, I regret the misunderstanding during the KPPA Board meeting on June 28, 2023. I look forward to working with the Audit Committee and the KPPA Board as we move forward with the implementation of House Bill 587.



## Kentucky Personnel Cabinet Position Description

Position Number: 31044863 - Division Director
Position Description Effective Date: 07/21/2022 to 12/31/9999

Employee Name	Personnel Number	Supervisor Position Number
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Organizational Title	Organizational ID	Organizational Short Text
Division of Internal Audit Admin	10200764	31100
Employee Group	Personnel Subarea	Employee Effective Date
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Job Title	Job ID	Job Short Text
Division Director	20001933	01600V170916
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#### Statement of Duties: Briefly state the main function of the job

Evaluates accounting, financial, and other operational activities as an independent appraisal function as appropriate. Provides direction for all areas of Internal Audit within the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA). Establishes the internal audit activity's function and responsibilities. Establishes and documents procedures and oversees management of the internal audit activity. Reports internal audit activities to management, Investment Committee, Audit Committee, and the Board of Trustees; and performs other duties as required.

#### Task No:1

Formulates internal audit programs in order that all aspects of transactions are audited. Prepares risk analysis and annual audit plan. Develops an effective team of competent subordinates who understand, and are able to discharge the obligations of their positions/jobs. Supervises and directs audit staff. Reviews, corrects, and comments on staff work scopes, plans, work papers and reports.

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#### Task No:2

Ensures effective management of the financial resources of KPPA and that all operations are within the policies and plans as laid down by management, Board Policies and Statutes. Prepares audit programs and conducts audits.

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#### Task No:3

Prepares reports containing observations, comments and recommendations for management and the Board based on carried out work. Reports audit findings and recommendations to management, Investment Committee, Audit Committee, and the Board of Trustees. Assists the Audit Chair in Audit Committee Meeting Preparation and follow up.

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#### Task No:4

Maintains employee records. Approves leaves, overtime requests, and timesheets. Provides development, coaching and feedback to staff including time management and attendance. Ensures completion of performance evaluations. Recommends personnel actions.

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Participates in all meetings of the Investment, and Retiree Health Care Co- consideration of policy/procedures formulation matters and other allied ma overall operations of KPPA.		
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## **Kentucky Personnel Cabinet Position Description**

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Position Description printed: 07/19/2023



## Worksheet - POSITION DESCRIPTION - Worksheet



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From: Board, Michael (KPPA)

To: Webber, Russell (State Rep.) (LRC)

Subject: HB 587

**Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 3:14:00 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.qif</u>

Good afternoon Representative Webber:

As the Executive Director of Legal Services at KPPA, it is my responsibility to ensure that the agency properly implements legislation. As we work to implement HB 587 from the 2023 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, one very pertinent question has arisen. Prior to HB 587, the Division Director of the Division of Internal Audit reported to an Audit Committee regarding audit activities and functions and reported to the KPPA Executive Director regarding administrative issues, i.e. timesheet approval, leave time, flex schedules, etc.

It is understood that HB 587 removed from the Executive Director the authority to hire/fire the KPPA Internal Auditor. The question that is being debated is whether HB 587 also changed the reporting structure described above; is the KPPA Board now responsible for the administrative oversight of the KPPA Internal Auditor?

It is not our experience that the Trustees are involved with the day-to-day administrative oversight, but we absolutely want to properly implement the requirements of HB 587. I am available to discuss this matter at your convenience.

Thank you,

### Michael W. Board

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From: Webber, Russell (State Rep.) (LRC)

 To:
 Board, Michael (KPPA)

 Cc:
 Abney, Shelley (LRC)

 Subject:
 [External] HB 587

**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:50:13 AM

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Good morning Mr. Board:

Thank you for contacting me regarding HB 587. While drafting the legislation, the goal was to move the position of the internal auditor, without creating a duplicative position, to report to the Kentucky Public Pensions (KPPA) board, while being free from interference. Similar to the executive director of KPPA, the board can hire and fire this position. I'm not sure how the board handles the executive director's flex schedule, timesheet approval, leave requests, or other similar questions but if the KPPA board does not want to directly handle it, or if the KPPA board chair does not want to handle it, I would suggest the board create a policy to designate it to an appropriate staff member for oversight, such as the executive director, HR director, etc. I want to stress we did not intend to create an additional position for another auditor but to statutorily ensure the structure is in place for the internal auditing standards to be followed for the job duty. The KPPA was the appropriate board since it is a statutory committee comprised of both CERS and KRS members whereas the audit committee is not a statutory committee. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Russell Webber State Representative 26<sup>th</sup> District