

**STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION MEETING

May 29, 2024

The Audit Committee met on May 29, 2024 at the State Fund Vacaville Office, 1010 Vaquero Circle, (Joshua Tree Room), Vacaville, California.

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on May 29, 2024 at 12:17 p.m. Interim Committee Chair Angela Tate welcomed everyone joining the meeting.

Ms. Tate requested Ms. Padua to call roll. The following were present: Angela Tate (Interim Chair); Senator Michael J. Machado (Ret.); and Arthur H. Pulaski.

Absent: Regina V. Evans

There was a quorum.

Also present: President and CEO Vernon L. Steiner; General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Margie Lariviere; Chief Financial Officer Peter Guastamachio; Chief of Internal Affairs Dante Robinson; and Board Liaison and Assistant Corporate Secretary Hilda B. Padua.

Ms. Tate recognized outgoing Board member and Audit Chair. William “Bill” Zachry for his contributions to the Audit Committee in advancing the best interests of California employers and the people and programs of State Fund. Mr. Zachry served as Board member for almost 15 years. Ms. Tate personally shared that she appreciated Mr. Zachry’s finding time educating her on worker’s compensation industry. Mr. Zachry will be missed.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ANTITRUST ADMONITION

Ms. Tate called attention to, and requested confirmation that the Audit Committee members read, State Fund’s Antitrust Admonition, which is included in each Committee member’s meeting materials.

AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3a. Approval of February 21, 2024 Open Meeting Minutes
- 3b. Annual Review and Approval of Audit Committee Charter
- 3c. Annual Review and Approval of Internal Audit Activity Charter and Compliance with International Audit Standards

Ms. Tate asked whether any Committee member had comments on the items on the Consent Calendar, of which there were none.

Ms. Tate called for a Motion.

MOTION: Senator Machado

SECOND: Mr. Pulaski

To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ms. Tate requested public comment of which there was none. Ms. Tate called for the vote.

YES: 3

NO: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4: COMPLETED CLOSED AUDITS

Ms. Tate noted that this agenda item is “Read only, unless questions”.

AGENDA ITEM 5: WHISTLEBLOWER HOTLINE

Ms. Tate noted that this agenda item is “Read only, unless questions” and asked Mr. Andreas and Ms. Gallagher if there were new updates. Ms. Gallagher noted there were 8 new allegations, which were not out of pattern.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENT ON APPROPRIATENESS OF CLOSED SESSION FOR ITEMS 9 THROUGH 13

Ms. Tate requested public comment on the appropriateness of Closed Session Agenda Items 9 through 13, of which there was none.

AGENDA ITEM 7: PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Tate requested other public comment, of which there was none. The Audit Committee immediately convened into Closed Session at 12:22 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 14: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Open Session meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m. following the conclusion of the Closed Session and the following were present: Angela Tate (Interim Chair); Senator Michael J. Machado (Ret.); and Arthur H. Pulaski.

Absent: Regina V. Evans

There was a quorum.

Also present: President and CEO Vernon L. Steiner; General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Margie Lariviere; Chief Financial Officer Peter Guastamachio; Chief of Internal Affairs Dante Robinson; and Board Liaison and Assistant Corporate Secretary Hilda B. Padua.

AGENDA ITEM 15: COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Tate requested presentations from the Committee members, of which there were none.

AGENDA ITEM 16: PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST 2024 AGENDA

Ms. Tate requested suggestions for agenda items for the August 2024 Audit Committee meeting other than the standing agenda items, of which there were none. Ms. Tate requested public comment, of which there was none.

Ms. Tate noted that the next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled sometime the week of August 12-16, 2024, location to be determined, unless noticed for a new date and time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Audit Committee, Ms. Tate adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hilda B. Padua
Board Liaison and Assistant Corporate Secretary