AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

May 7, 2025

Minutes

The Audit Committee of Houston Community College Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the HCC Administration Building, 3100 Main, Second Floor Auditorium, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pretta VanDible Stallworth, Committee Chair Renee Patterson, Committee Member Sean Cheben Monica Richart David Wilson

CHANCELLOR'S COUNCIL

Margaret Ford Fisher, Chancellor Rima Adil, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Services Andrea Burridge, Vice Chancellor for Strategy, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness Jerome Drain, President, Online College Michael Edwards, Office of the Ombudsman Betty Fortune, Interim President, Northeast College Frances Villagran-Glover, President, Southeast College Lutricia Harrison, President, Coleman College Sherry Hawn, Senior Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration and Chief Finance and Building Operations Edmond "Butch" Herod, President, Central College Zachary Hodges, President, Northwest College Warren Hurd, Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services James Jackson, Interim Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Bob McCracken, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Operations Nicole Montgomery, Interim General Counsel Rodney Nathan, Interim Vice Chancellor for Talent Engagement and Chief Human Resource Officer Norma Perez, Senior Vice Chancellor for Instructional Services and Chief Academic Officer Miguel Ramos, Vice Chancellor, Instructional Services Karen Schmidt, Executive Director, HCC Foundation James Walker, Interim Chief Facilities Officer Michael Webster, President, Southwest College Morgan Yette, Staff Senate President Remmele Young, Vice Chancellor of External and Governmental Relations, Transfer and Alumni Relations

OTHER PRESENT

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Melissa Mihalick, Board Counsel, Thompson and Horton, LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:52 p.m. and declared the Board convened to consider matters about Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

(The following Trustees were present: Cheben, Patterson, Richart, and VanDible Stallworth)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No citizens signed up to speak before the Committee.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT

Dr. Ford Fisher noted that Terrance Corrigan, Director, Internal Auditing, would provide the report on the Internal Audit for 2025.

Mr. Corrigan reported that all but one of the recommendations made by McConnell & Jones had been implemented and informed the Board that the remaining item is expected to be completed by June 2025.

(Trustee Cheben stepped out at 1:55 p.m.)

Mr. Corrigan further apprised of the addition of a new statement indicating that there are no impairments or scope limitations affecting the audit work. He noted that there is also a request that a statement be included disclosing any known risks that exceed the scope of the Internal Audit opinion. He noted that Internal Audit is not aware of any risks that are not already being addressed. He apprised that the statement will be included in future reports.

Mr. Corrigan reported on the following per the adopted Audit Committee Calendar:

- Summarized Internal Audit Status Information
- Follow-up on Observation Action Plans
- External Audit/Review Activity
- Independence Impairments/Scope Limitations
- Information Attachments
 - o Detailed FY 2025 Internal Audit Plan Status Report
 - o Audit Observations Follow-up Status Report
 - o McConnell & Jones Recommendations Follow-up Status Report

(Trustee Wilson joined the meeting at 1:59 p.m.)

Mr. Corrigan noted that an Internal Quality Assurance Review will be coming due in the next few years.

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(Trustee Cheben returned at 2:01 p.m.)

Dr. VanDible Stallworth noted that she held a meeting with the Internal Auditor in preparation for the meeting.

REPORT ON QUARTERLY CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE ATTESTATION

Dr. Ford Fisher noted that the item is to report on the Quarterly Control and Compliance Attestation. She noted that Dr. Nicole Montgomery, Interim General Counsel, would provide the report.

Dr. Montgomery noted that there is one attestation regarding financial aid identify fraud and noted that it will be discussed in closed session during the Special Meeting (May 7, 2025) scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Wright, Director, Board Services

Minutes Approved as Submitted: _____ June 18, 2025