

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
Audit Committee Meeting
April 2, 2020**

TO COMPORT WITH STATE OF MICHIGAN MANDATES TO CONTROL THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FORMAL SESSION WAS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOVERNOR WHITMER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-15, IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FORMAL SESSION WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA WEBEX AND A DIAL-IN NUMBER. THE GENERAL PUBLIC WAS ALSO ABLE TO PARTICIPATE BY SENDING QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO ZAMBARDI@OAKLAND.EDU TO BE SHARED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE FORMAL SESSION. NO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC PROVIDED QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS DURING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FORMAL SESSION.

Present: Chair Melissa Stolicker; and Trustee Marianne Fey

Absent: Trustee Dennis Muchmore

Also Present: President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer to the Board of Trustees John W. Beaghan; Athletics Director Steven C. Waterfield; Vice President for University Advancement Michael J. Westfall; Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi; and Student Liaison Christopher Russell

Also Present: External Auditors Dana Coomes and Stephen Bondar, Plante Moran; and Director of Internal Audit David Vartanian

A. Call to Order

Chair Melissa Stolicker called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. via WebEx.

B. New Items for Consideration

1. **Approval of Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of October 14, 2019**

Trustee Stolicker seconded by Trustee Fey moved approval of the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of October 14, 2019 and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

2. Reappointment of an Independent Public Accounting Firm and Audit Scope

Mr. Beaghan framed the two topics presented for Audit Committee approval, that of the reappointment of Plante Moran as the University's external auditor, and FY2020 Financial Statement audit scope. Mr. Beaghan then introduced Dana Coomes and Stephen Bondar of Plante Moran to present the FY2020 Financial Statement audit scope.

Ms. Coomes began by affirming that this communication is required prior to the start of the audit, planned to commence in the May-June timeframe. Ms. Coomes reported no significant changes in scope or timing of the audit from last year. Regarding GASB 84 and its proposed adoption by the University during this fiscal year, GASB announced that it added a project to consider posting new GASB pronouncements, which would include GASB 84. The exposure draft is expected to be issued in April 2020 and a final version to be issued in May 2020. This may indicate that GASB 84 will be delayed and therefore not implemented by the University this year.

Mr. Bondar, the Plante Moran audit manager for the Oakland University audit, outlined the contents of pre-audit communication letter. The letter describes various qualitative aspects of the audit, including responsibilities under auditing standards. It includes the plan, scope and timing of the audit and other relevant information for governance. As an attachment to the letter, a description of some of the more significant areas of the audit and the planned approach to address those sections. Mr. Bondar noted that if GASB 84 implementation is not delayed, the audit opinion would include an Emphasis of Matter paragraph relative to the adoption of that standard.

In response to a question from Trustee Stolicker, Ms. Coomes advised that a GASB project to scope out the 403(b) plans or 401k plans was expected to be issued April - May 2020. However, this may be postponed. Ms. Coomes believes that when the University adopts the new GASB 84, it will not include the 403(b) plans.

In response to a question from Trustee Stolicker regarding logistics and alternatives to onsite audit work, Ms. Coomes advised that University capabilities should enable roughly 95% of the work to be completed remotely. VPN, University systems access, and an established SharePoint site will be utilized to promote minimal impact on efficiency. Work completed regarding student financial aid and the security of certain personal information like social security numbers is considered.

Ms. Coomes confirmed this year as Plante Moran's 4th year of engagement with the University, and the historical relationship will provide benefit as they move forward planning and executing this year's audit.

Trustee Stolicker seconded by Trustee Fey moved approval to accept reappointment of the Independent Public Accounting Firm and Audit Scope, Plante Moran, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Victor A. Zambardi
Vice President for Legal Affairs,
General Counsel and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Melissa Stolicker
Chair
Audit Committee of the
Board of Trustees