# South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission Audit and Enterprise Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2025 2:00 p.m.
Capitol Center
1201 Main Street, Suite 1510
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Meeting Location: Video Presentation

## **Committee Members Present:**

Mr. Kenneth F. Deon, Chair (via Telephone)
Ms. Peggy Boykin (via Telephone)
Mr. William J. Condon, Jr. (via Telephone)

# I. Call to Order and Consent Agenda

Chair Mr. Kenneth F. Deon called the meeting of the Audit and Enterprise Risk Management Committee ("Committee") of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission ("RSIC") to order at 2:01 p.m. Ms. Peggy Boykin made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. William C. Condon, Jr., to adopt the proposed agenda as presented, and it was unanimously approved.

## II. Approval of Minutes (December 18, 2024)

Chair Deon referred to the draft minutes from the Committee's April 23, 2025, meeting. Chair Deon informed the committee of a spelling error in the final paragraph of the Internal Audit Update section. Ms. Boykin made a motion to amend the minutes from the April 23, 2025, Committee meeting to reflect the correction. Mr. Condon seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes with revision for spelling correction.

#### III. Internal Audit Update

Chair Deon then asked for the Internal Audit ("IA") update. Mr. Mitchell Goldsmith, Senior Legal Counsel, informed the Committee that he has accepted a new position outside of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission. He expressed his gratitude to the committee for the confidence and trust they had placed in him over the years.

Mr. Goldsmith introduced Mr. Craig Stanton, a Senior Manager with Deloitte & Touche, LLP ("Deloitte"). Mr. Stanton reported that Deloitte will conduct the following reviews to be completed by December 31, 2025: (1) vulnerability management review; (2) IA remediation review; and (3) reporting and performance review.

Mr. Stanton then presented the results from the Custody Request for Information Process Review ("Custody RFI Review"). Mr. Stanton stated that Deloitte engaged in the Custody RFI Review process in December 2024. He reported that the Custody RFI Review had been released on September 16, 2024, with a final submission deadline of November 25, 2024. He stated that the finalists were identified before January 31, 2025, followed by oral

presentations in March 2025. Mr. Stanton informed the committee that RSIC selected Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY") to continue serving as its Global Custody service provider. Mr. Stanton proceeded to note the flowing areas of strength in the RFI process and provided a summary of the RFI improvement opportunities.

The Committee then received a report from Mr. Goldsmith on the status of Internal Audit engagements. Additionally, the Committee was informed that the Fiscal Year-End June 30, 2025, Agreed-Upon Procedures ("AUP") review will expand to include vendor management.

## IV. Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management Updates

The Committee received an update on routine compliance matters. Ms. Michelle Kennedy, Director of Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM"), reported that no material exceptions were noted. Next, Ms. Kennedy reviewed RSIC's ERM heat map and noted that she had incorporated Deloitte's most recent updates to the risk ratings.

## V. Executive Session

Mr. Condon made a motion to recede into Executive Session to discuss investment matters related to internal audit reviews pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 9-16-80 and 9-16-320; to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual matters and to receive legal advice from legal counsel pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2); and to discuss development of security personnel or devices pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(3). Ms. Boykin then seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The Committee then receded into Executive Session.

## VI. Potential Actions Resulting from Executive Session

The Committee met in Executive Session to discuss investment matters related to internal audit reviews pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 9-16-80 and 9-16-320; to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual matters and to receive legal advice from legal counsel pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2); and to discuss development of security personnel or devices pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(3). Chair Deon stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

#### VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Condon made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Boykin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

[Staff Note: In compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-80, public notice of and the agenda for this meeting were delivered to the press and to parties who requested notice and were posted on August 6, 2025, at 1:57 p.m., at the entrance, in the lobbies, and near the 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Presentation Center at 1201 Main Street, Columbia, S.C.]