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San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association

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Audit Committee Charter

POLICY NO. 004

I. Purpose/Authority

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA), the SBCERA Board of Retirement (Board) established an Audit Committee to advise the Board on audit matters, and its recommendations are subject to final approval by the Board.

The purpose of this Audit Committee Charter is to govern the Audit Committee that assists the Board in fulfilling their fiduciary oversight responsibilities as they relate to accounting policies and reporting practices, the system of internal controls, the audit processes, and the organization's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.

II. Audit Committee Responsibilities and Duties

1. Meets with SBCERA's senior management, employees, ~~internal~~external auditors and/or accountants, external auditors, outside counsel, and/or specialists, as necessary to assist the Board with audit matters.
2. The Audit Committee shall have unrestricted access to SBCERA's personnel, and records when reviewing any matter within its scope of responsibility.
3. The Audit Committee Chair (or designee), and other committee members as appropriate, shall meet with the external auditor conducting the financial statement audit at least once a year separately, without management, at their option.
4. Reports to the Board, as necessary, on the activities, decisions, findings, and recommendations of the Audit Committee regarding:

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- a. The appointment, compensation, and work of the certified public accounting firm employed to audit SBCERA's financial statements.
 - b. The appointment, compensation, and work of accountants or other external consultants in completing audits, reviews, agreed-upon procedures, or investigations related to financial matters and cybersecurity.
 - c. The appointment, compensation, and work of the certified public accounting firm employed to perform operational due diligence on SBCERA's investment managers.
 - d. Any significant accounting and reporting issues, including internal control effectiveness, and material professional and regulatory pronouncements.
 - e. Disagreements between management, internal, and/or external auditors regarding financial reporting and internal control issues.
 - f. Review and monitor the Internal Audit Unitfunction at least once a year, including recommendations for approval to the Board for the Internal Audit Charter and ~~three-year~~ audit plan.
5. ~~In the event the full Board desires to receive a report from the external auditor, the Chair of the Audit Committee may defer to the Board the review and approval of such reports, including the annual audited basic financial statements and related independent auditor's report.~~ After review by the Audit Committee, the Board shall receive copies of audit reports on the basic financial statements, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), agreed-upon procedures, reviews, or investigations related to financial matters or cybersecurity.

Approval Signatures

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