

MINUTES

Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 ~ Scheduled Start: 11:45 a.m. ~ Actual Start: 11:49 a.m.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Board Members:

*Committee Members noted with * behind their name*

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| ☐ Donald Enders, Jr.* | ☐ Michael Heckmann, Designee |
| ☒ W. Russell Faber* | ☒ Jill Vecchio, Designee |
| ☐ Rep. Dan Frankel | ☐ Sen. Devlin Robinson |
| ☐ Anne Baloga, Designee | ☐ Kevin Battle, Designee |
| ☒ Matthew McCarry, Designee | ☐ Stephanie Buchanan, Designee |
| ☐ John Galuska | ☐ Allison Dutrey, Designee |
| ☐ Tr. Stacy Garrity | ☒ Sec. Wendy Spicher* |
| ☐ Christopher Craig, Designee | ☒ Seamus Dubbs, Designee |
| ☐ Lloyd Ebright, Designee | ☒ Veronica Hoof, Designee |
| ☐ Tom Waters, Designee | ☒ Eric Pistilli, Designee |
| ☐ Sen. Vincent Hughes | ☒ Gregory Thall (Board Chair)* |
| ☒ Matthew Lindsay, Designee | |
| ☐ Antoinette Marchowsky, Designee | |
| ☐ Rep. Brett Miller* | |

SERS Leadership:

*Committee Liaisons and Committee Counsel noted with * behind their job title*

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| ☒ Chief Compliance Officer*
<i>Jo Ann Collins</i> | ☒ Chief Financial Officer
<i>Sara McSurdy</i> |
| ☒ Chief Counsel*
<i>N. Joseph Marcucci</i> | ☒ Chief Information Officer
<i>Daniel Krautheim</i> |

- ☒ Chief Investment Officer
James Nolan
- ☒ Comm. Director & Press Secretary
Pamela Hile
- ☒ Deputy Chief Counsel (Benefits)
Catherine Nolan
- ☐ Deputy Chief Counsel (Business)
Steven Skoff
- ☒ Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Michael McGeoy
- ☐ Deputy Chief Investment Officer
William Truong
- ☒ Deputy Executive Director for Admin.
Beth Christian
- ☒ Deputy Executive Director for OMPS

SERS Board Committee Support:

- ☒ Administrative Assistant, OA
Kelly Bernhard
- ☐ Administrative Officer, IT
Vacant
- ☒ Executive Assistant, OA
Shannon Zimmerman
- ☒ Executive Assistant, Board Ed.
Sheila Willrich
- ☒ Executive Secretary
Courtney Yurovich
- ☒ IT Administrator
Mark Walter
- ☒ IT Generalist
Jonathan Ryan
- ☒ IT Generalist
Brett Shaffer
- ☒ IT Generalist
Matthew Soule
- ☒ Technical Support Director
Randy Gilson
- ☒ Director of Gov. & Strategic Initiatives
Cynthia Collins
- ☒ Director of Operations
Richard Gaul
- ☒ Executive Director
Joseph Torta
- ☒ HR Director
Michele Shaner
- ☒ Internal Audit Director*
Ryan McCoy
- ☒ Legislative Affairs & Policy Director
Thomas Derr

Other SERS Staff:

- Joseph Auchey, Internal Audit Office
- Taylor Clark, Chief Counsel's Office
- Cathy Gusler, Operations
- Rae Ann Tronetti, Internal Audit Office

Other Attendees:

- Kristin Rochetti, KPMG
- Craig Swallow, KPMG

NARRATIVE/ISSUES:**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 11:49 a.m. by Jill Vecchio, designee for Representative Brett Miller, Assistant Chair of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee.

2. Welcome and Introductions

None

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the February 24, 2026 Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee meetings.

4. Old Business

- Update on RFP 25-038 Independent Auditor Services Procurement
Cynthia Collins, Director of Governance & Strategic Planning, alongside Cathy Gusler, Issuing Officer, were at the table, and Ms. Collins provided an update to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee about the procurement process to engage independent auditor services. The Committee charter delegates to the Committee the oversight of the procurement process and its recommended selection to the Board of the successful vendor. The Committee engaged in the oversight of the procurement process and will be discussing the confidential procurement matters during executive session.

5. Special Presentations

None

6. New Business

- **External Financial Statement Update**
Craig Swallow, Partner, and Kristin Rochetti, Audit Senior Manager, from KPMG attended the meeting and provided a status update on the external financial statement audit they are performing on the SERS Defined Benefit, Defined Contribution, and Deferred Compensation Plans. Mr. Swallow stated that everything was going according to schedule and that opinions on the financial statements should be provided to the agency later in May of 2026. Their team is currently finishing up the last of the investment fieldwork.
- **Internal Audit Plan Update**
Next, Ryan McCoy, Internal Audit Director, and Rae Ann Tronetti, Assistant Internal Audit Director, provided a status update on the execution of their annual risk-based

internal audit plan. Mr. McCoy informed the Committee that his team is working their way through the Third-Party Risk Management audit, which is being led by Ms. Tronetti. He briefly went through the objectives of the audit and turned it over to Ms. Tronetti to give a detailed status update on the audit. Ms. Tronetti then informed the Committee that the Fraud Risk Management audit is scheduled to kick off Wednesday, April 29th.

- **Account Change Authentication Report Update**

The last item under new business was an update by Joseph Torta, Executive Director, on the Account Change Authentication Review and the motion passed at the January 23rd special meeting of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee. Mr. Torta informed the Committee that he and other senior staff analyzed the report and went over the seven individual recommendations, providing a timeline and management's proposed action plan for each item.

7. Executive Session

The Committee entered Executive Session at 12:16 p.m.

- **RFP 25-038 Independent Auditor Services**

8. Public Session Resumes

The Committee meeting resumed public session at 12:16 p.m, where Ms. Vecchio, designee for Representative Miller, Assistant Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee explained that a motion was in order to vote on the selected vendor for RFP 25-038 Independent Auditor Services.

By motion that was moved by Ms. Vecchio, seconded, and approved, it was RESOLVED that the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee recommend to the State Employees Retirement Board (Board), pursuant to its delegated authority, that the Board accept the ARC Committee's recommendation of the winning vendor as SERS' independent external auditor, based upon the Issuing Officer and ARC Committee Recommendations, formed from the results of the technical evaluation by the RFP #25-038 Evaluation Committee and the final cost scores, and authorize the Issuing Office to award the contract to the winning vendor and proceed with contract negotiations with the selected vendor, to be publicly named at a later date after successful contract negotiations.

he roll call vote tabulation was as follows, and was unanimous:

Board Member	Vote
ENDERS	Absent
FABER	Yes
MILLER	
Designee: Vecchio	Yes

SPICHER	Yes
THALL	Yes

9. Informational Items

None

10. Comments, Concerns, Questions, and Reminders

- The next Committee meeting is June 9, 2026.

11. Motion to Adjourn

By motion that was moved, seconded, and approved, it was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

12. Follow up / Next Steps

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan McCoy
Internal Audit Director

Jo Ann Collins
Chief Compliance Officer