# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSITIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

#### April 30, 2025

A meeting of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the New York City Transitional Finance Authority (the "Authority") was held on April 30, 2025 at approximately 4:30 p.m., conducted at 255 Greenwich Street, Room 6-M4, New York, New York 10007.

The following Committee members attended, represented by their designees:

Jacques Jiha, Director of the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget for The City of New York (the "City"), represented by David Womack;

Brad Lander, Comptroller of the City, represented by Michael Stern; and

Preston Niblack, Commissioner of the Department of Finance of the City, represented by Dara Jaffee, constituting a quorum. Tyler Prime served as secretary of the meeting.

Also in attendance were members of the public, officers of the Authority and employees of various agencies of the City and the State of New York, who joined in-person and remotely.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stern, the Chairperson of the Committee.

# Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the prior meeting of the Committee which occurred on October 2, 2024. The minutes were circulated for review. There being no further discussion, upon unanimous vote, the following resolution to adopt such minutes was duly approved.

**WHEREAS**, the Audit Committee of the New York City Transitional Finance Authority has reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit Committee held on October 2, 2024; it is therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of October 2, 2024, are hereby approved.

## Self-Evaluation and Review of Annual Report of the Audit Committee

The second item on the agenda was a resolution approving a self-evaluation of the Audit Committee, and authorization to provide the results of the self-evaluation to the Board of Directors. Mr. Stern explained that a report outlining the Committee's actions during calendar year 2024 was circulated to the Committee for their review. Mr. Stern noted that the proposed resolution would express the Committee's belief that it is functioning in a satisfactory manner consistent with its Charter and would authorize the Chairperson to present these findings to the Board of Directors. There was no further discussion, and, upon unanimous vote, the following resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, Section III(k) of the Audit Committee Charter and Section 6.3 of Directive 22 of the City of New York Office of the Comptroller require the Audit Committee to issue an annual report to be prepared no later than October 30 of each year, which details the activities and decisions of the Committee for the prior calendar year;

**WHEREAS**, the Audit Committee has reviewed the Annual Report of the Audit Committee, as attached hereto and finds it to be reasonable;

**WHEREAS**, Section III(j) of the Audit Committee Charter requires the Audit Committee to conduct an annual self-evaluation of its performance, including its effectiveness and compliance with the Audit Committee Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Audit Committee finds its performance to be satisfactory, effective, and in compliance with the Audit Committee Charter; it is therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the Annual Report<sup>1</sup> of the Audit Committee is hereby approved and shall be presented to the Board of Directors of the Authority.

# Review of Internal Controls

The third item on the agenda was the annual review of the Authority's Internal Controls

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Filed with the meeting minutes.

Manual, a copy of which was in the materials provided to the Committee members. Mr. Stern explained that pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, Section III(h), the Committee must annually review the Internal Controls Manual. He noted that changes were proposed to the Internal Controls Manual, which changes had been circulated to the Committee. He further explained that the Authority's Comptroller, Raymond Lee, was present to answer questions. This was a review item only, and no vote was taken.

## Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Approve Agreement with Independent Auditor

The fourth item on the agenda was the recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Board retain CBIZ CPAs P.C. ("CBIZ") to serve as independent auditor for the Authority for Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028, with an optional extension for Fiscal Year 2029, for the rates listed in the proposed resolution, following the Authority having issued a competitive request for proposals for these services. The resolution recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Authority entering into the agreement. There was no further discussion, and, upon unanimous vote, the following resolution was approved.

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Transitional Finance Authority (the "Authority") is authorized, pursuant to Section 2799-ee of the Act, to retain or employ auditors;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section III(a) of the Audit Committee Charter, the Committee is authorized to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Authority the appointment and retention of the Authority's independent auditors;

WHEREAS, following a competitive request for proposals process, Staff of the Authority have recommended the retention of CBIZ CPAs P.C. ("CBIZ") to serve as independent auditors to the Authority; it is therefore

**RESOLVED**, that Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer or other authorized Officer to enter into an agreement with CBIZ to serve as independent auditor for the Authority's financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028, with a one one-year extension at the discretion of the Authority to conduct the audit of the Authority's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029, which agreement shall contain such

other terms and conditions which are not inconsistent with this resolution as the Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer or other authorized Officer shall deem necessary, and which agreement shall provide for compensation not to exceed the following rates:

#### Audit:

Fiscal Year	Fixed Fee		
2025	\$34,500		
2026	\$35,235		
2027	\$35,970		
2028	\$36,706		
2029*	\$37,440		

<sup>\*</sup> At the discretion of the Authority.

## Hourly Rates for Special Projects:

Position	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Shareholder & Managing Director	\$575	\$605	\$635	\$670	\$700
Senior Manager	\$350	\$370	\$390	\$405	\$425
Manager	\$300	\$315	\$330	\$350	\$370
Senior Associate	\$250	\$265	\$275	\$290	\$305
Associate	\$200	\$210	\$220	\$230	\$245

# Presentation of Audit Plan Including Discussion of New Accounting and Auditing Standards

The fifth and final item on the agenda was the presentation by the Authority's independent auditor, CBIZ. Mr. Stern introduced Daniel McElwee and James Wilkinson, representatives of CBIZ. Mr. McElwee then referred to the firm's Annual Pre-Audit Presentation for the Fiscal Year

Ending June 30, 2025, which was distributed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. Mr.

McElwee led the Committee through the required accounting communications and discussed the

contents of such presentation. Mr. McElwee asked if any Committee members had any knowledge

of or suspicion of fraud or activities to report in connection with the Corporation's whistleblower

policy. No Committee members reported having any such knowledge or information. This was a

review item only and no vote was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, upon unanimous vote, the

meeting was adjourned.

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