

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT AUDIT
MEETING

APRIL 4, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Michael McEnerney, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2420 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822.

Committee members in attendance: Committee Chair Michael McEnerney, Committee Vice Chair Randy Moore; Regent Wayne Higaki.

Committee members excused: Regent Jeffrey Portnoy

Others in attendance: President/Interim UH-Mānoa (UHM) Chancellor David Lassner; Vice President for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; Vice President for Budget & Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; Executive Administrator and Secretary to the Board of Regents Kendra Oishi; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2018 MEETING

Regent Higaki moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Moore, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Executive Administrator and Secretary to the Board Kendra Oishi announced that the Board Office received no written testimony, and no individuals had signed up to give oral testimony.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. For Action

1. Recommendation to Approve Selection of External Auditor and Delegation of Authority to President to Finalize Agreement Fee Schedule

VP Young provided information regarding the selection process for auditor procurement; the External Audit Services Selection Committee; proposals received; evaluation criteria; selection results; background information on Accuity LLP, the selected bidder; how auditor rotation would be handled; the approval request; and the scope of external audit services and estimated costs. He noted that the External Audit Services Selection Committee is recommending Accuity LLP to perform the UH external audit services for the remainder of the current fiscal year and the next two fiscal years, with the option to extend for one year.

Committee Vice Chair Moore, moved to recommend board approval of the selection of Accuity LLP as the external auditor and authorize the president or his designee to negotiate the contract, conditioned upon Accuity LLP rotating the lead auditor off effective fiscal year 2019 and for the balance of the contract, seconded by Regent Higaki.

Cory Kubota of Accuity LLP explained that he would be rotating off as lead auditor starting fiscal year 2019, as he would reach their internal 7-year cap after conclusion of fiscal year 2018. Jamie Asato (Managing Director) would succeed Mr. Kubota and he would remain available from a consultative standpoint.

There having been a motion that was moved and seconded, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Committee Vice Chair Moore moved to adjourn, and Regent Higaki seconded, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kendra Oishi
Executive Administrator and Secretary
to the Board of Regents