

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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**CHARTER**  
**AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**A. PURPOSE**

1. The Audit and Ethics Committee (the “Committee”) shall be a standing committee appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the Board in monitoring:
  - a. the integrity of the Company’s financial statements;
  - b. the Company’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
  - c. the independent auditor’s qualifications and independence; and
  - d. the performance of the Company’s internal audit function and that of the independent auditors.
2. The Committee shall monitor the Company’s system of disclosure controls and system of internal controls regarding finance, accounting, legal, compliance and ethics that management and the Board have established.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for preparing the report required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) to be included in the Company’s annual proxy statement.
4. Because the function of the Committee is oversight, the authority and responsibilities contained in this Charter do not include the duties to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company’s financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of management and the independent auditor.

**B. STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS**

1. The Committee shall consist of at least three independent directors appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the Board Nominating and Governance Committee. All members of the Committee shall be free of any relationships that would interfere with their exercise of independent judgment and shall meet the membership requirements established by the New York Stock Exchange. The Committee shall annually elect one of its members to be the Chair, giving due consideration to the nominee recommended by the Board Nominating and Governance Committee. At least one member shall be designated by the Board as an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by applicable law. Committee members shall not simultaneously serve on the audit committees of more than two other public companies.
2. The Committee shall meet as often as it deems appropriate, but no less often than quarterly. The Committee shall provide the opportunity at each regularly scheduled meeting and other appropriate times for separate executive sessions with management, internal auditors and independent auditors.
3. The Committee has the authority to initiate and supervise investigations into any matters within the scope of its authority and responsibilities. The Committee is authorized to retain the services of internal or outside legal, accounting and other advisors, as it deems necessary in the fulfillment of its

duties. The Committee and its designees shall have unlimited accessibility to all the Company's records, property and employees. The Committee shall have sufficient funding to carry out its duties, including funding for payment of compensation to the independent auditor for preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company; payment for any advisors used by the Committee; and ordinary administrative expenses necessary and appropriate in carrying out its duties.

4. The Committee may delegate specific responsibilities to a subcommittee of one or more of its members provided that the subcommittee shall keep the full Committee informed of its activities.
5. The Committee Chair shall schedule meetings, and in consultation with other Committee members, shall establish meeting agendas.
6. The Committee may take action by unanimous written consent.

### **C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the independent auditors (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditors regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company. The independent auditors shall report directly to the Committee.
2. The Committee shall pre-approve all auditing services and permitted non-audit services to be performed for the Company by its independent auditors in accordance with applicable law. If the Committee delegates its pre-approval authority to one or more of its members, any pre-approvals granted pursuant to the delegation shall be reported to the full Committee at its next meeting.
3. At least annually, the Committee shall review the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditors. The Committee's evaluation shall include a review of the audit firm's lead partner. As part of this review, the Committee shall obtain and review a report by the independent auditors describing:
  - a. the firm's internal quality control procedures;
  - b. any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, regarding one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with those issues; and
  - c. all relationships between the independent auditors and the Company to assist the Committee in assessing the auditor's independence.
4. As part of the annual review of the independent auditors, the Committee shall discuss with the independent auditors any relationships or services provided to the Company that may impact their objectivity and independence and significant legal matters involving the firm. For purposes of this discussion, significant legal matters do not include litigation that is merely incidental to the practice of the accounting profession. Significant legal matters include:
  - a. legal matters that may have a significant adverse effect on the firm or its reputation;
  - b. lawsuits or enforcement actions that have been filed by the SEC against the firm;
  - c. criminal actions concerning the firm's professional practice in which the firm or any of its partners or professional staff is a defendant;
  - d. SEC investigations involving an individual who would be providing services for the Company; and

- e. any other matters that may affect the firm's continuing ability to perform auditing services in a manner that maintains investor confidence in the integrity of the Company's financial statements.
5. The Committee shall recommend to the Board any appropriate action to be taken as a result of the annual review of the independent auditors that may be necessary to satisfy itself of the independence of the independent auditors and their ability to satisfactorily perform auditing services.
6. The Committee shall assure the rotation of the lead audit partner every five years and other audit partners every seven years and shall establish hiring policies regarding employees and former employees of the independent auditors. The Committee shall have the authority to adopt, review and revise policies regarding the regular rotation of the audit firm.
7. The Committee shall review and discuss the Company's annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements with management and the independent auditor, including the footnotes, the Company's disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer required by applicable law regarding the Company's financial statements and reports filed with the SEC. In conducting its review, the Committee shall review:
  - a. major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, and major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies;
  - b. analyses prepared by management or the independent auditor setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including analyses of the effects of alternative GAAP methods on the financial statements; and
  - c. the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the financial statements of the Company.
8. The Committee shall discuss the Company's earnings press releases, including the use of "pro forma" or "adjusted" non-GAAP information, as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. The discussions may be general in nature, consisting of the types of information to be disclosed and the types of presentations to be made.
9. The Committee shall discuss the scope, objectives, staffing, reliance upon management and procedures to be included in the annual audit with the independent auditors, including the coordination of the audit effort with the Audit Services Department.
10. The Committee shall discuss all items required to be communicated in accordance with applicable law, auditing standards or other professional accounting standards relating to the conduct of the audit, including reviewing with the independent auditors any difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work, any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management.
11. The Committee shall discuss policies regarding risk assessment and risk management in order to evaluate their effectiveness in identifying and mitigating significant risks and exposures, including business and financial risks, financial reporting and accounting controls, litigation issues, information technology controls and security, cyber risk, compliance with laws and regulations, other internal controls, and areas of operational risk that may impact the Company's financial health. The Committee shall review and monitor risk mitigation and management methods designed to address

these risks. The Committee will review regular reports from management on cyber risk and will assist the Board in oversight of management's efforts to monitor and mitigate cyber risk.

12. The Committee shall review material written communications prepared by the internal and independent auditors and the actions taken by management in response to the internal and independent auditors' suggestions.
13. The Committee shall review and monitor the Company's Ethics and Compliance Program, including the effectiveness of the Program for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and the results of management's investigations and handling of any instances of non-compliance, including disciplinary action.
14. The Committee shall consider the results of any findings that result from the review of officers' expense accounts, including their use of corporate assets, performed by the internal or independent auditors.
15. The Committee shall establish procedures for:
  - a. the receipt, retention and handling of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and
  - b. the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
16. The Committee shall review and consult with management regarding management's appointment, evaluation, replacement, reassignment and dismissal of the Director of Audit Services.
17. The Committee shall review the Audit Services Department's objectives, resources and effectiveness; its organizational position, objectivity and status within the Company; its compliance with relevant professional standards; and its annual audit plan, including its coordination with the examination performed by the independent auditors.
18. The Committee shall review the results of the internal audit activities for the year, internal audit's consideration of the internal control structure and its evaluation of the adequacy of the internal controls over the financial reporting process, information technology controls and security and Company-wide risk management.
19. The Committee shall review with the General Counsel significant litigation and regulatory matters involving the Company and review with the General Counsel and the independent auditors related disclosures made in the financial statements and related footnotes.
20. The Committee shall make regular reports to the Board of its ongoing activities, actions taken, and, in particular, shall report to the Board regarding any issues that arise regarding the quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the Company's independent auditors or the performance of the internal auditors.
21. The Committee shall conduct an annual evaluation of its performance and shall submit an annual report to the Board regarding the evaluation and confirming that all responsibilities described in this Charter have been fulfilled.
22. The Committee shall review this Charter at least annually and recommend any appropriate changes to the Board for approval.