

# NOTICE OF MEETING

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- D. REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE Reports are intended to inform the Committee and/or the Public.
  - 1. **SUBJECT:** Verbal report from Bobby McGee on the state of the financial reporting resources (employees and contractors) and the backlog of known major accounting and reporting projects. Verbal update re the District's current ability to prepare for and support an efficient audit of the Fiscal 2023 Annual Comprehensive Fiscal Report (ACFR). (Requesting Staff Member: Bobby Magee)
  - 2. **SUBJECT:** Verbal report from Bobby McGee on his discussions with the Nevada Department of Taxation re a possible extension of time to file the Fiscal 2023 Audited Annual Comprehensive Fiscal Report (ACFR). (Requesting Staff Member: Bobby Magee)
  - 3. **SUBJECT:** Verbal update from Bobby McGee on the engagement of a Forensic Due Diligence Auditor and expected timing of their work. (Requesting Staff Member: Bobby Magee)
  - 4. **SUBJECT:** Verbal report from Bobby Magee and additional Finance staff on the current state of the Tyler Enterprise ERP system assessment and redesign. (Requesting Staff Member: Bobby Magee)
  - 5. **SUBJECT:** Verbal report on revised timing of audit field work for the Fiscal 2023 audit. Also, discuss possible forms of the audit reports that may be received from Davis Farr given the expected timing of the Forensic Due Diligence Audit. (Requesting Committee Member: Jenifer Farr)



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- 6. **SUBJECT:** Verbal report from Director of Human Resources, Erin Feore, concerning one whistleblower matter RELATED TO CHARGING GOLF GREEN FEES. (Requesting Staff Member: Director of Human Resources Erin Feore)
- E. CONSENT CALENDAR (for possible action) These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Audit Committee will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Committee member, staff member, or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion.
  - 1. **SUBJECT:** Approval of the Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2023. pages 3 106
- F. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS (for possible action)
  - 1. **SUBJECT:** Review, discuss, possibly revise and possibly approve the modifications to the Whistleblower Policy & Procedure. (Requesting Committee Member: Trustee Sara Schmitz)
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- G. LONG RANGE CALENDAR REVIEW
- H. PUBLIC COMMENTS Conducted in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 241.020 and limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes in duration.
- I. ADJOURNMENT (for possible action)

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             CHAIR NOLET: Okay. It's 4:01. Let's go
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  ahead and call the meeting to order. I see all four
  Audit Committee members and other invited
   participants. Why don't we do a roll call.
   B. ROLL CALL OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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             Audit Committee member Schmitz?
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             TRUSTEE SCHMITZ:
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             CHAIR NOLET: Brandle, Vito?
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             MEMBER BRANDLE:
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             CHAIR NOLET: And Ray Tulloch?
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             TRUSTEE TULLOCH:
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             CHAIR NOLET: There you go.
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  presenting today, I see Bobby, Jennifer. Josh is
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   online. I think that's it.
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22 manageable agenda today, so we'll move through it at
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1 way. Why don't we go ahead with public 2 3 comments. 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS 5 CHAIR NOLET: I think there are a few still coming in. I see a few folks signing up in the back. 8 MR. DOBLER: Cliff Dobler, 995 Fairway. 9 Since November 2014, Linda Newman and I 10 began investigating and reporting many errors in the 11 IVGID financial statements. Through the efforts of 12 Trustee Schmitz, Moss Adams CPA were engaged in January 2021, produced a report on four main areas 13 of concern in a review of 23 remaining memorandums. 14 15 One of the main areas of concern was the capitalization of expenses, which resulted in 16 understatement of expenses on the operations of the 17 District's various funds. Moss Adams stated that 18 19 the area of concern could result in a restatement of 20 prior year financial statements. The Board of 2.1 Trustees decided to institute a five-year look back 2.2 to determine the extent of charge offs from the 2.3 capital accounts. 2.4 I was appointed to the Audit Committee in

2020, and once the Moss Adams report was released,

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it became apparent that the then-director of finance would not cooperate in the look back review. I decided to embark on reviewing capital accounts for the potential charge offs. The effort resulted in charging off 4.8 million for years 2020 and 2021, which were classified as prior period adjustments or buried in current operating expenses.

Thereafter, I realized that additional capital accounts should be looked at.

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During July 2021 through January 2023, I provided to the Audit Committee 37 memorandums on various accounting and reporting issues, concentrating on capitalization. The memos were never reviewed by the committee.

Mr. Nolet, Audit Committee chair, brought together Mr. Navazio, Mr. Homan, and myself in March this year to review the memos. A discussion of each memo was done and determinations were made that while the reporting was incorrect but not material, corrections should be made in future years.

Mr. Navazio was to provide a closure report on all but nine memos. The report was never done. The remaining nine memos sit in limbo.

During the spring, I reviewed capital

accounts where charge offs were made in the 2022
fiscal year, but look back amounts were never
addressed. I produced a report indicating that 9.6
million, before accumulated depreciation, may need
to be charged off based on consistency. Certain
capital items are obvious and require charge offs,

7 however, some capital accounts may have assets which 8 could qualify for capitalization.

Mr. Nolet indicated to me, because of staff shortage, a review and conclusion of the potential charge off may not be accomplished during the current audit.

I cannot understand how such a large item can be ignored. I respectively request these outstanding items be put on Mr. Magee's wish list and put to bed once and for all.

Thank you.

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CHAIR NOLET: As the recent practice, sometimes I respond to these comments. Anyway, those nine-plus one memos are still pending. They haven't been put aside. So, when the resources are there, they'll be addressed. You'll hear more about the timing of the financial statement audit during this meeting. And I think we'll have time to get to those.

MR. DOBLER: That would be good.

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CHAIR NOLET: Thank you.

DR. WYMAN: Andy Wyman.

I'm a novice at this sort of thing. I just want to report to you my activities of the day. I ate lunch up at The Grille today, and had the good fortune to talk to one of the management people over there who told me that the stories about \$2,000 a day lost from The Grille is BS, that it's not true, that there was some mistakes made in the accounting practice, and that that just wasn't possible.

The only way they thought that there could be any opportunity to come up with that kind of a loss was a mistake that had to do with the tips, somehow. And I'm not an expert to understand those things. If that be true, it would be worthwhile to make that public because a number of people keep talking about the \$2,000 a day that is lost.

The other thing I was told was that, in terms of members of the Board talking to staff there about their purported difficulties, there's only one member of the Board who has made any contact with them at all.

Thank you.

CHAIR NOLET: That's a Board of Trustees

1 metric, really wouldn't fall in our wheelhouse, but I'll make sure it gets forwarded to the Board. think that's a metric they came up with a few months ago, but I think we're also hoping to have more actual data later this summer.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: And let's just clarify for the record, the number of \$2,000 a day was an increase in the prior year's \$1,000 a day. Those numbers were produced by our interim General Manager.

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I have spoken with Mr. Magee about those 12 numbers, and he's hoping that in further analysis that those numbers might improve. But those numbers were produced by our interim Director of Finance and no one else.

And trustees have absolutely no authority to direct staff at any venue, and every trustee knows that.

CHAIR NOLET: Thank you.

MS. USINGER: Caroline Usinger, 582 Jackpine, Incline.

Today I would like to explore IVGID's protections for its employees from harassment by anyone, including parcel owners. Specifically, I want to look at the incident that happened with

Cliff Dobler in 2019, and more recently, at an event in August 2023.

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The Audit Committee and HR are responsible for handling whistleblowing activities, such as harassment. HR handled the 2019 Dobler event with the punishment banning Cliff from the golf venue for several months. That should have been sufficient to change bad behavior. But when the events are ongoing, how are our employs protected?

Turns out that in August 2023, another employee had reported a similar event with Cliff. We don't know if others were reported between 2019 and 2023, but we do know that since there was a recent incident, Cliff Dobler is an ongoing problem for IVGID and the IVGID staff.

According to the EEOC, examples of harassment include: derogatory jokes, slurs, pressure for dates and sexual favors, name calling, insults, threats or intimidation, and ridicule or mockery.

The information on the 2019 IVGID letter banning him from golf privileges, plus Cliff's behavior at IVGID public comments sessions, show an ongoing habit of harassment.

So my question is: What is the IVGID

1 policy for protecting its employees from this type of behavior? Where are the policies and procedures that IVGID does not tolerate inappropriate behavior towards employees? And that people will use lose their job, their recreational privileges, and their ability to be on any public committee if they do so? Why isn't there signage that says anyone who bullies, threatens, sexual harasses, or insults 8 people while on IVGID property will be sanctioned? 10 And for that matter, why doesn't the IVGID chairman interrupt people who threaten, bully, harass, or 11 12 insult people at the meeting? 13

He has the right, and letting this behavior occur just encourages people to act in ways that promote anger, shouting matches, and potential violence.

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Employees have the right to work without harassment, and the general public has the right to attend public meetings without being verbally attacked and harassed.

EEOC does not exempt businesses from protecting their employees from abuse of customers. If IVGID does not have this protection for employees, there is an inherent bias toward property owners and against employees. That's a recipe for

1 lawsuits and for chronic employee turnover. 2 So my question basically is: What are the 3 policies, IVGID policies, for protecting its 4 employees? 5 CHAIR NOLET: Josh, I'm going to ask you 6 to comment. I know the original complaint was brought up in a general Board of Trustees meeting. I know there's been ongoing work, which you may or 8 may not be able to talk about. 10 But, I guess, my first point is it's sort 11 of outside the wheelhouse of the Audit Committee, 12 but there is Board-level consideration, I think, still underway. 13 14 Josh, what you can say about that? 15 MR. NELSON: I would just say that, yeah, IVGID absolutely does have policies that protect 16 17 employees in situations and ensure that we provide a 18 safe and appropriate workplace. And we take that 19 obligation very seriously. 20 MS. USINGER: But where is it? 21 MR. DOBLER: Look it up. It's on the 2.2 website. 23 MS. USINGER: I did. It's also on the I looked it up and I couldn't find it. 2.4 agenda, E 4. 25 If you could possibly let me know where it

is, I would appreciate it. Because I was looking it up. It said: HR policies are not posted online. 3 So I understand that, but --4 MR. NELSON: Chair, this is sort of 5 turning into a back-and-forth. And I know we're doing our best to be as transparent as possible, but this isn't necessarily the appropriate forum for that. However, we can consider this request as a 10 request for a copy of those HR policies, which are 11 public records, and I can work with staff to make 12 sure they're provided to the requester. 13 CHAIR DENT: Super. You might have seen 14 Erin on the agenda today, but she's not able to join 15 us, so we don't have that benefit either. Thanks, Josh. 16 17 MS. McKOWEN: I was here for the whistleblower policy, E 4. We're not doing that 18 19 today? 20 CHAIR NOLET: We're going to do a shorter 2.1 version because Erin's not here with us. 22 MS. McKOWEN: I'm speaking out today as a former IVGID employee. I consider myself one of the 23 lucky ones, as I had a wonderful senior manager in 2.4 25 Sheila Leijon, who went to bat for me on more than

1 one occasion. It was difficult to train people at

the Rec Center, especially in a multiuse facility.

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4 clients, and Sheila made that happen for me.

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Shortly after I was hired, I became the number one producer. The pay structure was a bit of a challenge as I was able to set me own hourly rate, but IVGID would take 30 to 25 to 20 percent, depending on the volume of clients that I trained

I ended up leaving my job for two reasons:

I realized I was paying IVGID roughly \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year for the pleasure of working there. And it probably made more sense for me just to get my own space.

That second reason I left was the loss of my only IVGID benefit, that being free golf range balls. For integrity, my integrity was called into question about how I would even get a range card and, unfortunately, it got rather nasty, and it was enough for me. And I realized in that moment I deserved better.

I recognize now that other IVGID employees can't make a snap decision to leave like I did.
With the recall effort, I have come to understand

how toxic the work environment can be for an IVGID
employee. I have spoken to more than 10 current and
former IVGID employees. The current whistleblower
policy that is in place to protect them simply
doesn't.

Many current employees are dying to speak out, but they fear of retaliation of Trustees
Schmitz, Dent, and Tulloch. That's what keeps them silent.

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I have also heard stories about how

Trustee Schmitz appears out of nowhere to tell them
how to do their jobs. I have heard that she has
walked into the kitchen where staff are cooking for
an event that she attending, to do what? Who knows.

I have heard that she reiterate policy to employees at the beaches, making them feel micromanaged and worthless.

I saw a post on Facebook recalling a statement by Trustee Dent speaking during a board meeting earlier this year saying that if the employees are unhappy about the loss of benefits, they can leave, and they will be replaced. A real morale-boosting comment from the Chairman of the Board.

And then there's Trustee Tulloch, who,

with the pack of three, Schmitz, Dent, and Tulloch, stands with the perpetrator making some ridiculous flogging comment regarding the perpetrator while choosing not to support the victims in two separate, documented HR investigations. We are still waiting to hear the outcome of the latest-report allegations against Mr. Dobler in August.

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How do you think IVGID employees process that you three currently don't stand with them?

These three board members -- members of the Board are financially beholden to an outspoken member of the community, and that has resulted in highly questionable ethical concerns surrounding their actions.

In closing, I want to address what I heard from a long-time IVGID employees who actually left. Believe it or not, they don't want to speak out either. One shared with me that the environment has become so toxic that they had no choice but to leave. They said how much they loved their job, but the micromanaging and overstepping of certain Board members was the reason why they left.

I asked if they would be willing to come forward now and speak, and they said they would never step back into this toxic environment again or

risk their integrity being called into question.

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Please fix the whistleblower policy and protect our IVGID employees.

The Board and the Audit Committee worked really hard to get that whistleblower policy enhanced in a number of ways. And probably still isn't well known that any complaint that goes through the whistleblower process only comes to me and to Josh.

And I can tell you, I've also received some in my personal email, which means only I get them. And having decades of experience with those, they are treated very, very confidentially. And the initiation of any review is always customized to the complainant and the circumstances.

So, I would encourage people to do that. The form is right on the website. It's pretty easy to just type it in and hit send.

But thank you for the comment.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: I would like to point out, the whistleblower policy was rejected consistently on at least occasions by the previous board. The whistleblower policy was only passed at the start of this year by the current Board. It was rejected by the previous board.

1 Thank you. CHAIR NOLET: Any other comments in the 2 3 room? 4 Mike, anyone on Zoom? 5 MR. GOVE: There are not, Chair. 6 CHAIR NOLET: Okay. That concludes public 7 comments at the opening of the meeting. Now I can go back to where I improperly went, approval of the agenda. 10 D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA 11 CHAIR NOLET: Any comments on the agenda? 12 Okay. Super. Why don't we move into 13 general business, E 1. 14 GENERAL BUSINESS 15 E 1. 16 CHAIR NOLET: Verbal report from Bobby Magee on the state of the financial reporting team 17 18 and backlog of known accounting reporting challenges 19 and possible delays in the audit and related These items, 1, 2, and 3 are somewhat 20 matters. 2.1 related. 22 I would just say, I talk to Bobby on 23 average once a week, and they are really good interchanges. We don't always agree, but I 2.4 25 certainly respect all of his views. And I think he

1 probably does with most of mine. And it's become a very good relationship. From my perspective, having worked with CFOs for over 40 years, I think he is doing a very good job of rebuilding the team in both temporary talent and full-time talent.

With that, Bobby, I'll turn the floor over to you to make some comments.

> MR. MAGEE: Yeah. Thank you.

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I'll start by saying in accordance with the protocol set by the committee at the last meeting as well as the request of individual members to use first names in this meeting, good evening, Chris and members of the committee.

So, yes, I would like start a little bit -- there's a lot here on the subject. I'll start by talking a little bit about the reporting team and the finance department in general.

So, we do have a number of temp workers that are actively working on getting a lot of items caught up. As the committee is aware, you've heard on a number of occasions that bank statements have not been reconciled for over 14 months. And so we have a whole team of people from Baker Tilly who are working on getting all of those items caught up. They've been working with myself, with consultant

1 Pam Day, who is assisting us with the audit, with the IT team on making sure that they have access to all of the items that they need.

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Pam Day is continuing to work with us, and she greatly expanded her role. She was initially brought on to train the existing staff that is no longer here on how to work their way through the PBC list, prepared by client list, for the audit. she's dramatically increased her activities in the interest of helping us out.

We also have an admin person who came over 12 from ski who was generously lent to us from Director Bandelin. She is assisting us with some accounts payable items, helping us get caught up.

And then with respect to the number of vacancies that we currently have, we do have a new controller who is starting on Monday, and so we're quite excited to have her here. We will be scheduling, as soon as she gets on board, out a number of interviews for our vacant senior accountant position. That's been open for quite awhile. We've collected a number of very impressive résumés for that position.

And we are also actively recruiting for the finance assistant director, the -- who will be working both on financial reporting as well as budgetary items, as well as special projects. And a management analyst who will be supporting all of those activities. And then, finally, an internal auditor position, which we hope to have live within the next week or so. We've been working on getting that recruitment running.

So that's the current state of the financial reporting team.

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The next item on here is the backlog of known accounting and reporting challenges. And so I did wish to share with the committee that --

CHAIR NOLET: Bobby, can I ask you to pause right there on staffing? I want to open it up to see of my colleagues have any questions with regard to staffing. How many open positions do you still have? How many part-time contractors are currently on your team now? And et cetera, et cetera.

MR. MAGEE: So, yeah, I'm happy to answer those question to start.

And so the current vacancies, well, technical sense, the controller, because she doesn't start until Monday. The senior accountant, the assistant director, the management analyst, the

accounts payable tech, and a revenue tech. I think
that's it. Six or seven vacancies right now. You
kind of caught me offguard on that, but I think it's
correct, six or seven vacancies currently.

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And then the Baker Tilly team, we have three consultants who are working on that. Two of them are working on the bank reconciliations, and a third person is working on capital asset reconciliations. And then Pam Day is working primarily on the audit, but she's been kind of filling in some other areas as well related to general accounting and implementing -- reviewing and implementing some best practices on a number of accounting-related items moving forward.

CHAIR NOLET: Any questions?

Okay. Hearing none, carry on with your growing inventory of identified needs.

MR. MAGEE: Thank you.

So as you know as I had mentioned several times, we're trying to get all of those bank reconciliations caught up. That is really our number one priority right now.

But as we are attempting to work our way through the prepared-by-client list, we've seen a number of additional challenges that we need to

correct and work our way through.

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One of those, as we discussed offline, was the absence of a monthly close of books throughout the entire year. And so we've work a little bit with Davis Farr on why those types of activities would happen and more on best practices moving forward.

I don't personally think that we should leave books open that long. There are reasons why agencies might want to do things like that, so it's not completely unheard of, but, in my personal opinion, there's a better way to do that.

what makes sense for this district as soon as the controller comes on board. And one of the things that we found as we were running through, looking at the potential of closing the books as far back as July of 2022, is that we found large number of items in the system that were unreconciled, such as unposted journals, journal entries that had been entered into the system that were out of balance, funds that were out of balance, items like that. There was a grand total of 55 of them that we've identified so far. We're working our way through those, and it's going to take a minute.

Pam Day personally went in and reviewed every single one of the journal entries, the unposted journal entries, reviewed them, verified them, worked with staff on making certain that those were corrected, and then they've been posted now. And that was that majority of what was in the system.

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However, there's still is number of outstanding items that require a little bit more effort, I would say, in researching. And the message that I've been sending to our entire team is: Let's get it right moving forward. I can't help what happened last July, but I can help what's happening today. So let's just get it right moving forward.

So that's what I keep preaching to the entire finance team.

And so with that on the accounting and reporting challenges, I'm happy to take a pause there and see if there's any additional questions on that.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: Thank you. Appreciate what you're doing and what you've been confronted with and the professionalism of taking hold of it.

Do you have any idea -- as a board member,

1 we were completely unaware that our books weren't being closed, that things weren't being reconciled. Do you have any idea or any explanation as to why? 3 MR. MAGEE: 4 Yeah. I wasn't here, 5 obviously, so I'm not sure I would have an 6 explanation on why. 7 In talking with Jennifer Farr from Davis Farr, it is not completely uncommon for agencies to 8 leave their books open for a number of months, 10 sometimes for items that need to be looked back. 11 It's -- like I said, I think there's a 12 better way to do it in order to strengthen the 13 internal controls, and it's something that I wanted to investigate further. It's not ready at this 14 time, but I did want to investigate further and work 15 with our auditors on their thoughts on what we plan 16 17 to do improve that process moving forward. 18 TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: Was staffing and the 19 staffing levels, was that part of the challenge, and 20 we just weren't being informed? I don't know how 21 far back the staffing challenges go. 2.2 MR. MAGEE: That one is difficult for me 23 to say because, from my perspective, one of the

reasons I made the recommendations I did to the

Board was because I felt like the accounting team

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was getting pulled far too many directions in working on things outside of accounting.

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And so even when the department was, theoretically, fully staffed way back in July of last year, I think that their focus was not -- likely not where it needed to be. They were just getting pulled too many directions.

I think that the additional staff will really free up their time to be able to focus on these types of activities in the future.

MEMBER BRANDLE: Quick follow-up there.

Bobby, what were the things they were focusing on?

You referenced that. Kind of curious.

MR. MAGEE: My understanding is they were working on budgetary items. They were working on special projects. They were working on the conversion of ERP system, which was taking up a tremendous amount of their time as well. It's just that the core functions of their job seemed to be neglected at that time because they were getting pulled in so many different directions.

I think that they did an admiral job in trying to make it work, but they just fell farther and farther behind as time went on.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: Just -- while it may be

the case where other agencies are quite happy to leave their (inaudible) reconciliations after months, I think were unlike most other agencies where like 75 percent of our revenues come from user fees and over-the-counter transactions.

So, I mean, I don't think it's -- I don't see taking months as being a suitable benchmark for us. I think we should be ensuring we're doing balance reconciliation at least monthly.

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With regard to getting back on track, I don't want to put you on the spot, but do you have any guesstimate of when we can be in a position to where we're getting to closing the books that day, the ten business days after the month-end that we discussed at our last Audit Committee meeting?

MR. MAGEE: Yeah. So thank you for all of those comments. I agree with everything you just said there.

And I would say that we are holding weekly meetings with myself, Pam Day, some members of the accounting team, as well as the team from Baker Tilly. I don't have an estimate right now of when we will have everything caught up because we've had some challenges in deciphering the code for even how to reconcile the bank accounts. There's a lot of

things on there that I feel like if -- we have to be a hundred percent that we know what this item is.

We can't guess, we can't make it up, nothing like this. We got to know.

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And I have directed staff that if we don't know, we're going to take the time to research it, and figure it out and document it so that we never find ourself in this position again. And there's ongoing cross training so that we make sure that multiple members of staff know how to do these things moving forward.

Right now, we're still struggling with month one. We've been working on it, as you know, several weeks now trying to get month one. But we feel like we're very close, and once we've cracked the code on what all of these acronyms and various things mean and we have a firm understanding of what it is we're looking at and we know we can reconcile it, we think the rest of the months will start to fall like dominoes.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: That's helpful. It's -- based on public comment, it seems that staff know what the financial situation is, although, we can't get information to the Board.

MR. MAGEE: We're getting closer.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: I just want to share something on the record that Bobby and myself have already discussed, and that is the disappointment that I feel as trustee when I know that myself and Trustee Dent offered to Mr. Navazio and our former general manager on multiple occasions that we were willing to augment the budget, bring people in, because from my background being conversions of systems, I know that it's very difficult to do your job and participate in a major systems conversion.

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And it's really disappointing to hear that the staff has been really struggling, knowing that we had communicated that the Board was supportive.

So I just wanted to share that on the record.

And I'm sorry that we're in this situation, but, Bobby, you're doing a great job bringing us forward.

MR. MAGEE: On that comment, I will say that -- to add on that comment, is the Board did authorize some additional consulting funds for the Tyler implementation project. There's a number of things that we are going back in and making sure that the processes are set up correctly moving forward. So we are holding biweekly -- bimonthly meetings, I should say, with the Tyler team. And we

are scheduling out a lot of training, and we're working on a number of different processes.

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Those will be documented as we move forward in the General Manager's report. As it comes out for September, you will see some of those updates in that report.

Thank you for bringing TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: this to closure. It's been a project that's been ongoing for a couple of years.

CHAIR NOLET: Just a couple other comments I'll ask you to make. You guys are really having to tackle an awful lot of work across a number of fronts. Props for doing that in an organized, thoughtful, and efficient way.

You and I do talk pretty regularly, and my 16 sense is if I compare your work list today to what we started discussing in early August, middle August, late August, early September, as a continuum on this topic, is it fair to say your work list in aggregate has grown? You've found more substantive challenges than you've been able to knock down so far.

MR. MAGEE: It is growing, yes.

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Josh, I'm not going to scare you, so don't worry.

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I led an exit interview with Paul Navazio on June 13th, along with Indra, and a couple of other people. And it was typed questions. I can't tell you what he said, but I can tell you what he didn't say. And this topic of 12 months -- at that point, 11 months of financials being open and incomplete was not raised.

Now, it could be, just to be fair, he didn't know they weren't closed. He wasn't a CFO by background, so maybe he didn't know. But that topic was not raised. And we went through a fairly rigorous dialogue of questions that would equip us to deal with the post-Navazio era. So, sort of to the -- my fellow member, it's kinda disappointing that we weren't equipped to work efficiently after he left.

My last question --

Josh, you were going to say something?

MS. NELSON: Yeah. Just a reminder that
we didn't provide notice to anyone that we would
have a discussion of their character or competence
in this meeting. And I don't think we crossed that
line, but we're starting to trend toward it.

Just a reminder for the Audit Committee.

CHAIR NOLET: That's why I gave you a heads-up before I spoke. Appreciate the bumpers.

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Bobby, one last question, and we'll hear a little bit more about this from Jennifer Farr of Davis Farr. But the year-end bulk of fieldwork was scheduled to start this week, and that was postponed for obvious reasons.

Maybe you can talking a little about, while not having a sense for the calendar and when some of these major items, like the monthly closes, so we're going to have a June '23 set of accounts to audit, but just, in general, how you and our auditors are coordinating around some of these findings they're making, the most efficient decisions around rescheduling.

MR. MAGEE: The fieldwork was scheduled to start this week. And in working with Davis Farr, we decided to postpone that fieldwork.

There's a couple of different approaches that I've seen agencies in a similar position taken in years past. Sometimes auditors have an interest in moving forward with what piecemeal work that they actually have on that list. That is not what my recommendation would be. I think that when they

jump in and do their fieldwork, they needed to see the full picture of what's going on take it in totality, as opposed to trying to piece things together.

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I did not mention that to Jennifer Farr, but I did ask her her opinion, and she independently said the same thing.

Jointly, we came up with the decision to postpone the fieldwork until we have that prepared-by-client list fully completed, and we have a trial balance ready for them to look at, which will be the last thing that we do.

So, right, now, some -- there are just a few pending items that are left on that list. Some of the major ones that we need to get completed before we issue a trial balance is getting these bank reconciliations completed, getting the capital asset work completed.

And, like I said, all of that work is in the hands of Baker Tilly now. They are working on it diligently, daily, and we are having -- we've had three meetings this week just to catch up with what's going on and where they're at and what do you guys need to keep this moving forward. They're on top of it.

And I'm quite optimistic that we'll have a trial balance ready to go, and we'll be able to let Davis Farr know that we have that ready for them to start their fieldwork very, very soon.

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CHAIR NOLET: I think that's an important point to make.

And maybe, Josh, if I may, can I invite Jennifer Farr to comment on that topic now?

MR. NELSON: Yes, you may.

MS. FARR: Good afternoon. I agree with everything that Bobby has said.

Right now -- I was just looking at the schedule. Right now, we've pushed the start date to October 30th, and I think we all feel comfortable that the books will be closed and ready for audit at that time.

CHAIR NOLET: Okay. As we all know from having done hundreds of these over decades, it doesn't have to be perfect, but we need to be, probably, 95 percent confident in the June '23 trial balance and 85 percent confident in the rest of the supporting audit materials. October 30th is the date. We'll pencil it in, and I'm sure chat between now and then.

Any other comments on this topic?

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: So my question is, given that this is being pushed off until October 30th, what impact do you foresee as far as the completion of the ACFR and meeting any sort of an extension?

MR. MAGEE: That is obviously the third part of the subject on there that I would definitely like to touch on.

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There's number of items that will affect a timely filing of completed audit. And obviously this work being completed on time is a possibility. We may have this work done.

However, what we do have, and we'll talk about this as part of the next item, is a forensic due diligence audit. And I don't mean to steal Jennifer's thunders. There will be a report on that a little bit later tonight. I think that that forensic due diligence audit will also impact the finalization of the ACFR.

So what that actually means, I don't know yet. I just -- I've been tied up with a number of other things, including the forensic audit RFP. But I do need to reach out to the State, the Army Corps or Engineers, make sure no funding is going to be placed at risk and what process would they like for us to follow, if this item is delayed, or if the

item is not ultimately signed off by the auditors. 1 2 Those things are still unknown at this 3 time. We are working our way through them. 4 CHAIR NOLET: Any other comments? 5 Okay. I think that concludes our discussion of item E 1. Takes us to item E 2. 6 7 E 2. Bobby, you still have the 8 CHAIR NOLET: 9 floor with respect to the due diligence audit. 10 was -- the RFP was approved by the Board at a prior 11 meeting, and has not issued been yet, I don't think. 12 Why don't you take us through where you're 13 at and level set the Audit Committee because we 14 haven't had a discussion of the committee around it. People have been traveling and so on. 15 If you could just catch us all up, along 16 with the community, I think that would be helpful. 17 18 MR. MAGEE: Absolutely. 19 So, yeah, at the last Board of Trustees 20 meeting, the Board wished to weigh-in on the scope of work and the language that was contained within 2.1 the request for proposals, RFP. So, the Board gave 22 2.3 me a number of excellent comments and feedback on 2.4 that. Those changes were made that night, and we 25 released the document on Friday morning, following

the last Board meeting.

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And so the RFP is out on the streets right now. It's been sent to, I believe, in the neighborhood of 97 known vendors, known potential vendors that were located in the PlanetBid system. It was placed on the District website, as well as sent to some known interested and qualified potential vendors who may be interested in responding.

We are starting to work our way through that process now. At 4:00 today, was the deadline for vendors to send in questions. I have received a lot of questions on that. That was to be expected. All of those questions we have, I believe, it said Wednesday or Thursday of next week to respond to those questions. We'll meet that deadline without problem.

The answers to all of those questions will be answered in the form of an addendum to the RFP, and then it will be reposted so that all interested, qualified vendors will have an opportunity to see what everyone's question was and what IVGID's answer to each one of those questions was so it's a very fair and level playing field.

The intention is that we will have an RFP

review committee who, once the deadline for proposals is received, I will provide training to the members of the RFP review committee. They will then begin their work, independently. They will review and score, in a silo, each proposal by itself. They will not engage in technical leveling or comparison of one proposal to another, anything like that.

They're going to score each one according to the requirements of the RFP. And then I will compile their scores. They are not allowed to speak to each other about any proposal. They have to maintain strict confidentiality.

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And then once they turn in all their scores in to me, I will compile the scores. I will make a recommendation back to the committee on any firms that are within a competitive range of realistically still having a chance to win the contract.

At that point, the committee will need to decide if it choose to do round two scoring, which would be an interview process. They can call any of these firms in that are within the competitive range of still winning a contract and conduct interviews, ask any clarifying questions, have the firms add any

1 additional information they feel they did not get 2 the opportunity to present as part of their written 3 proposals.

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And then those are ultimately scored. And then, finally, the committee will turn in their scores to me. And then I will compile those final scores, make a recommendation for contract award to the Board of Trustees. That is currently scheduled for November 8th, I believe. Yes, November 8th.

10 CHAIR NOLET: Okay. That's a lot of work,
11 but a lot of important work.

Just a question to make sure everybody's familiar with this, given the nature of the RFP and the uncertainty of the final scope, to be determined by you and others, this RFP is not asking for fee data, per say?

MR. MAGEE: Well, we are. So what the Board directed me to do was to ask for costs on a one-year basis, a three-year basis, and a five-year basis, if discounts were to be applied. And so the committee will not be scoring that.

The fee data will be used -- will be evaluated using a normalized schedule. What that means is it's a mathematical teeter-totter. The lowest evaluated price would get all of the points

that are available. And, theoretically, if somebody bid twice as much, then they would get half as many points. So it's a mathematical teeter-totter. And that's the way we ultimately evaluate that scoring.

It was very specific and clear to the vendors on what they would be evaluated on.

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However, if they chose to offer IVGID a discount for a multiyear contract, they can identify that as part of their fee schedule as well.

If IVGID -- ultimately the Board decided to go with a three-year look back or a five-year look back or some other number. Could be one year, two years, or ten years. It could be anything that the Board ultimately decides, based on the pricing that they see. And they will not see that until after the review committee has completed its work.

CHAIR NOLET: Okay.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: Thank you for clarifying that, Bobby, before anyone listening thought that this was a one year, three-year or five-year contract in the vendor. It's -- just to clarify, it was the look back period.

Actually thought we settled on three years and five years at the Board, but I may be mistaken.

CHAIR NOLET: Any response to that? I

think there was some leaning toward a multiyear look back.

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MR. MAGEE: I believe that was correct.

And the way we asked the vendors to do it so that we left maximum flexibility for the Board was to evaluate a one-year-only cost, and then multiply that times three. That is the figure that they will be evaluated on.

My understanding is the same as Trustee Tulloch's, which is the Board was leaning towards the multiyear, three- or five-year contract.

However, for the purposes of the RFP, we wanted to make sure that we kept maximum flexibility in that document so if the Board chose to make any changes to it during the final acceptance of the recommendation for contract award, they would still have that flexibility. That was the thought process behind that.

CHAIR NOLET: Okay. My last comment in response to what you just said is, having done a few of these, it shouldn't -- one year times -- we wouldn't expect it to be one year times three, because there's going to be execution of (inaudible) if they are doing multiyear.

At some point, you all will look for that

to be baked into the ultimate pricing you consider? 2 MR. MAGEE: That's absolutely correct. 3 And, again, this is just for purposes of scoring the RFP. We have -- when you issue these types of documents, you do not want to give the vendors a 5 blank check, for example. We want to hold their feet to the fire and make sure that they sharpen up their pencils and give us their best proposals. 8 9 CHAIR NOLET: Any other comments on this item? 10 11 I think that concludes our discussion 12 around E 2. We'll move to E 3. 13 E 3. 14 CHAIR NOLET: This is a discussion that we had with Jennifer last week, Bobby and I, amongst a 15 number of other topics. 16 And just to set the table for her, this is 17 not a new audit standard, SAS 99. It's one that I 18 19 referred to in an August 9th comment that got a lot 20 of attention. It's been around since 2002. It's part of every single U.S. generally accepted 21 22 auditing standard audit of a stand alone set of 23 financial statements. It's nothing that we're 2.4 singling out or unfairly or overweighting in this 25 audit.

Jennifer and her team have done this
last year and the prior year. And our prior
auditors had to do the same thing. Just our
circumstances, as you heard from Bobby and over the
last couple of months, are a little different
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I've asked her to make some comments. She has a nice deck in the materials. And I also included a copy of SAS 99 in the materials. And I will just say, some found 50-something pages of auditing language a little daunting. If you just look paragraphs 31 through 33, I think you get the gist of it.

MS. FARR: Yes. Thank you. Appreciate the introduction.

I did put together a short PowerPoint presentation to really explain in, hopefully, an understandable way what the auditor's responsibilities are as it comes to either detecting fraud during an audit or suspicions of fraud. Both of them are kind of at the same level. So let me share my screen with you and walk you through the presentation materials. It's only eight slides, so it should go fairly quickly.

Starting off with what the auditor's

responsibilities are. We're responsible, as part of your financial statement audit, to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement, and that can be a misstatement that's either due to fraud or error.

And it goes a little further into distinguishing, you know, what is the difference between fraud and error because both have -- can result in misstatements to the financial statements.

The distinguishing factor is whether the error is intentional or unintentional. If it's intentional, then it's considered fraud or in the fraud bucket, and if it's an unintentional error, just human mistake or wrong application of accounting standards, then it's an error cause that could also cause a misstatement to the financial statements.

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so the process for auditors under SAS 99 and subsequent SASs is to consider fraud as an ongoing process throughout the audit. Primarily, we focus on it at the beginning of the audit, but if anything were to occur during the audit process, we also need to evaluate our audit approach and potentially make changes to our audit approach.

We obtain information about fraud, assess

fraud risk, and then we determine whether or not
there needs to be any modifications. And as
mentioned, we've done this for several years, even
with your first year as your auditors, with the MGL
report. We carefully looked through it and
evaluated how that would affect our risk assessment,
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comfortable with the items that were listed in that
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This issue of the forensic audit or the due diligence audit, the item that was just discussed on the previous item on the request for proposal, I wanted to share with the Audit Committee that because that is out there, that there is a suspicion of fraud and work that is occurring under that potential future contract, that it's challenging or possibly we cannot even conclude that the financial statements are either materially misstated or not materially misstated without knowing the results of that forensic audit.

The auditing procedures would tell you -or tell us that at the end of my sort of fraud
investigation, we would carefully need to evaluate
what those results were and determine if that
increases the risk of material misstatement in the

financial statements, and then respond to the risk,
likely by performing additional procedures or
modifying our audit approach. And so we can't
really figure out how the audit approach would
change without having the results of the forensic
audit one.

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One of the things that I did is look at the scope of the RFP to try to get an understanding of, more specifically, what that fraud concerns were so we could potentially evaluate how we would change our financial statement audit approach. And this is from -- what's on the slide is from the memo, dated September 22nd, of draft RFP, so there could have been subsequent changes, but I assume that it should probably be pretty close to the final RFP. The draft RFP, the scope included the financial statement audit period that we're looking at, so that's impactful.

And the scope also included certain areas such as determining compliant with generally accepted accounting practices and government accounting standards, boards, whether or not the financial statements are in compliance with the accounting standards. It included looking at compliance with federal and state policies, which is

also an area that we express an opinion on under the yellow book standards for government agencies, and it included things such as analytical procedures over certain transactions, which, again, could result in material misstatements or suspicions where we would, during our audit, need to perform additional evaluation.

Those scope -- those specific scope issues in the RFP, honestly, just to be very clear, really preclude us from our ability to express an opinion unless we know what the results of those three areas are. And even as the scope, I understand, might get developed further in the -- after the consultant has been hired, those further scope changes is something that we would need to evaluate to determine how that has an impact on the financial statement audit.

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If you go back to slide 5. Just to be fair and balanced, those scope modifications for your audit, would it be fair to say they're not material? I don't really think they are. I mean, their -- might put a little more rigor in them, but I think you did most of that stuff in prior years. Is that fair to say?

MS. FARR: It depends on what's found.

CHAIR NOLET: Totally agree.

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So, next comment is, just for everybody's benefit, if nothing comes out of due diligence audit, this minor work would be the extent of the scope modification that Jennifer and her team would apply this year versus prior years, to her point, if something else comes out of the due diligence audit, then she would probably have to modify her procedures.

Is that fair to say?

MS. FARR: Yes. That is correct. Let's say the due diligence audit says everything's fine, there's no problems, then our scope modification is simply reviewing the report and having a discussion with them to see if there was anything that could potentially impact the financial statements.

I did want to mention that there are some aspects of the proposed scope that would not have an impact on the financial statement audit, and that is doing a fraud risk assessment, that's a normal process and something that we would like to see the organization do, and then assistance with policies and procedures to bolster the internal controls and reduce the fraud risk.

Those components of the scope don't impact

the financial statements. But the components that ask another consultant to look at the numbers and make determinations about accounting and make determinations about whether or not fraud occurred, there's really no way around it. The auditing standards really kind of tie my hands until we see the results of their work.

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So, just kind of big picture, how does that affect the financial statement audit and kind some options of what we can do and what the standard way the auditors are supposed to do in this situation.

One of them would be to complete the forensic audit first, and then we would resume the financial statement audit. And then I could even propose that we can do the financial statement audit concurrently, we just might not be able to finish it until we have the results of the forensic audit.

And the second one, and I would need to research this one a little bit further, it's possible we could prepare the financial statement audit and still issue it, but issue it with a modified or qualified opinion, and depending on, at that point, what the significance of potential fraud was, that opinion modification might be -- or likely

would be an adverse opinion, which is basically an opinion saying -- stating that we do not express an opinion. That's not, not ideal.

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This last one, I don't want to be dramatic, but the auditing standards do include this as a possibility is that, in this situation, the CPA firm should consider whether or not to withdraw from the financial statement audit engagement.

I feel like I've worked well with you guys over the last couple of years. I'm not quite ready to abandon the task at hand, but I do want to let you know that the auditing standards actually point that to the audit firm as a reaction to a situation where there could be fraud or suspected fraud in an organization.

I know that's a little sobering, but I did appreciate the opportunity to look at the impact of the forensic audit, and my goal today was just to share with you what the auditing standards say that auditor -- the financial statement auditors is supposed to do in this situation.

CHAIR NOLET: Jennifer, thanks. That was really a succinct presentation, easy to digest and understand.

Obviously, as it relates to your last

slide, I think we're all voting for option one. I'm going to ask each of my committee members to comment here in a minute, but options two and three are pretty unattractive.

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Right now, I think just to state the obvious, with the scheduled restart of the audit pushed out to the end of month, we're effectively kind of doing the concurrent audit approach. But that still is TBD. I mean, if the workload is unsurmountable for Bobby and his team at the end of the month, we might have to push you guys out further.

But the hope would be that by the time the due diligence audit is done, you're pretty much done, everybody can sit down and compare notes, and hopefully we can close it up then.

I'm would ask each of my committee members to comment on this presentation, and particularly slide 7.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: Yes. Very worthwhile, very helpful presentation. As Chris says, none of the options are really attractive. We all would hope that the forensic audit doesn't turn up anything. As I said at the board meeting, we hope it doesn't turn up anything, dispute being misquoted

1 on social media. I'm sure some people would use that (inaudible). You can go back and check the record. I hope it turns up nothing.

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I would be delinquent as treasurer and we would be delinquent as an Audit Committee if we did not investigate this, given all the red flags and all the potential pitfalls that are there. It's an unfortunate fact of life, but we need to verify to make sure. And we need to make sure equally for staff's benefit that any question marks are removed by the forensic audit.

MEMBER BRANDLE: Chris, I would actually like to hear your opinion first.

CHAIR NOLET: Okay. You might have been on a phone call.

I'm about a thousand fifty percent behind option one. I think it's going to be challenging to facilitate both audits at the same time, the US GAS audit or the ACFR and the due diligence audit, so I think we need to be very thoughtful about how we move forward on that. Really, that's not until November.

And, Bobby, you might even chime in on, given the RFP timetable, when you think they might start given there's going to be a scoping period.

It may be that Jennifer can squeeze her work in in December, but she issue a report, which I totally agree with, that is a correct conclusion.

And then the due diligence folks can jump in and hopefully some shorter period allows them to get their work done.

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MR. MAGEE: I'm -- candidly at this point, I'm not really sure how to answer that or respond to that even.

Yes, the intention is is to make a recommendation to the Board in November on the firm to hire and how quickly they can ramp up and how long they will take in order to complete their work is still to be determined. Because as of right now, I still don't know if we're going to do three years of look backs or five years of look backs, and, obviously, that's going to take a substantial amount of time.

I would tend to agree with you, and just my personal opinion, I think option one is the best way to go with this, and that's why we're going to continue to do our work in researching with the various state agencies, keeping them in the loop, letting them know this is what's happening, and asking them: How would you like us to handle this?

Because the overall audit, before we have final sign-off from Davis Farr, it's just likely to be delayed. It's very likely to be delayed.

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MEMBER BRANDLE: Just curious, what's largest fallout that you would see? Like, let's say everything goes poorly from your perspective, what is the fallout that we should expect there?

MR. MAGEE: Again, as you've heard me say in a number of forums, I just don't know what the results of this are going to be. To speculate, and I think at this point, would be unfair of me. I think it's best to let the auditors do their work, and then we'll see where they land. Because, at the end of the day, I think the most important thing that is going to come out of this is the areas that they identify as fraud risk and making sure that we close those.

And so that is my optomistic hope is that no fraud is uncovered at all and there are areas that we can improve and we improve them. That's ultimately what I think is the most likely scenario, and I certainly hope that that's what happens. That doesn't mean that's what will happen. I want to be clear about that. That's why we're doing this due diligence. We need -- we want to get in there and

1 see. 2 CHAIR NOLET: That's a tough one to 3 forecast, but, Bobby, you can reel me back from the 4 edge if you need to. 5 Just to be as transparent as we can be with everybody right now, I think you said it a minute ago, the probability is that the ACFR audit 8 won't be completed by the statutory filing deadline of January 15. 10 MR. MAGEE: It's 31st, I believe. But, 11 yes, I think that is the probability. 12 Now, I can tell you that in other states 13 where I've worked, there is a process for filing for 14 extensions, and the state tends to be understanding. 15 It's, I would say, extremely unlikely that the State would want to withhold any funding from IVGID when 16 17 it was doing its due diligence as a result of not 18 having this ACFR filed on time. I would say that's 19 extremely unlikely. That is within their purview, but I can't see why they would do that. 20 21 CHAIR NOLET: I tend to agree with you. But I know, rather immediately, if you 22

haven't already done it, I know you're going to

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them to give us guidance on this. Would they like to see a draft? If the audit reports not done and issued, but we think we're pretty sure the numbers are holding still, would they like to see a draft before the 31st? There's a lot of optionality, and, candidly, I've only been deeply involved in this for two and a half years, but they seem to show a lot of flexibility and leniency.

So I also don't think the sky's going to fall, but we're going to try and figure that out -- right? -- soon.

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MR. MAGEE: That's absolutely correct.

And I have been in other agencies where they were faced with challenges that necessitated the completion of the audit after the statutory deadline. And in those states, the state asked me for a copy of the trial balance, and then they accepted that in the interim until the work was completed.

And that's a suggestion I will make to the State of Nevada.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: Jennifer, I have a few questions. In reading this document that was provided to us, I'm looking at it, and I see that it's part of the standard process to evaluate and

1 sort of identify if there are potentials for fraud.

And some of the things that Bobby is pointing out

this year, I believe, were pointed out last year.

The bank reconciliation hadn't been done, there were

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So my question is: What changed between last year and this year to cause us to rely and be seeking additional resources in addition to the audit that you perform?

MS. FARR: You absolutely correct that there have been items communicated to us in the prior years, and those items were specific in nature, like the capital assets, for example.

And so as a result, we've evaluated the concerns, modified our audit approach, performed additional testing, and gotten a comfort level that there were no material misstatements.

The scope of the forensic audit is so broad that it is not even possible for us to identify what possibly could be the allegations. It is not even possible for us to evaluate and design procedures to get comfortable with it if we don't really even know what are the allegations or suspicions. And that is the purpose of the due diligence, is to figure out where those risks are,

and then they'll be doing the testing.

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And then in process, they'll will narrow down what the specific concerns are, and once we have that, then we can evaluate how to react to it.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: So Chris wanted to chime in, which is totally fine. I just have one question as a follow-up to that.

My question is, as it relates to the choices, one, two, and three, when they do this type of a forensic due diligence audit, do they typically start with the most recent data and work back? And if that is the approach, might it be possible to have both things happening concurrently?

MS. FARR: We definitely -- I think it is possible to perform the financial statement audit and the forensic audit concurrently, that would be our intention to make sure we've done everything on our end to have the financial statements ready, and then once we can see the results of the forensic audit, at that point, we could determine what additional procedures we may need to do and then be able to do those quickly.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: This question is more for Bobby. What impact does doing something like that concurrently have on staff and on the workload

of staff? 1 2 MR. MAGEE: Yeah, I'm not sure how in 3 depth the amount of time will be needed on the forensic due diligence audit yet. It's -- that's going to be determined. One of the things that we discussed 6 7 internally is how do we make sure that we have the resources available? I have talked to Pam Day, she's willing to stick around a little bit longer 10 than was initially expected. And then the Board had 11 let me know that if we needed additional resources 12 as we worked our way through this, to inform the 13 Board and let them know about that to make sure that 14 this stays on track. So I certainly understand the direction 15 16 the Board gave me. And if we find ourselves slipping on this, we will definitely inform the 17 18 Board. 19 But as of right now, I think we have the 20 resources in place to do this. 2.1 CHAIR DENT: Any other questions, 2.2 comments? MEMBER BRANDLE: Would it make sense for 23 us -- I don't even know if we can -- to apply for 2.4 25 the extension or exception now if we're pretty sure

we will miss the audit?

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CHAIR NOLET: I think that's Bobby's intent is to work with DOT and others, and find out what our latitudes are and start to build some runway with those organizations so nobody is surprised, if we can't file an audit result by January 31.

MR. MAGEE: That's exactly correct.

Chris and I have talked about this a little bit offline, that the intention is is to engage all of the interested stakeholders early and often, and let them know where we're at in this process and why this is happening.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: Yeah. No. I agree. We need to -- obviously, we need not overlook things, and we need to make sure both -- that we do them both, both the regular audit and the due diligence audit methodically and make sure they're done correctly.

As far as the State's concerned, if -- I'm not aware of any real sanctions they can take against us if we're late. I'm quite sure they will understand the reason for it. I'm pretty sure they're more concerned about getting accurate and correct financial reporting, rather than hitting an

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             CHAIR NOLET: Okay. Josh, anything from
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             MEMBER BRANDLE: Sorry, Chris.
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   deck she presented?
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             CHAIR NOLET: It's posted on the website.
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  question for you. Erin had intended to be here
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  familiar with this item, and without naming names, I
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   think we can give the highlights of the staff's work
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CHAIR DENT: Okay. Why don't we do it.

It was asked tonight.

E 4 was meant to cover or address a whistleblower matter, not whistleblower policies, but we took your question and there's going to be some follow-up.

This was an item that came in early, I'll say, April, and it came through the whistleblower hotline, directly to me. I don't think this one, this one went to Josh initially, but we provided it to him, we talked about scope and execution and what the staff would do.

The question was with respect to trustees, a trustee or multiple trustees using their IVGID stipend to purchase employee benefits, health and welfare benefits, and so on. And that was one that we asked Erin to research and vet the finings of the research with Josh and I, and she's done so. I have an email that evidences her conclusions.

So, sometimes the IVGID records aren't sterling, but she was able to go back to solid records back to '99. A number of trustees, over time, have purchased benefits, I think, principally when they don't have any other means of partner or

spousal employment. I mean, there's no other way to get coverage.

So, trustees have purchased health and welfare benefits on a pretax basis, so they've been able to get the full benefit of their \$9,000 stipend. They don't take the pay, compensation for services of trustee. Rather, they ask the GID to retain that, and then they, generally, have made additional contributions so that they can fully fund the GID's purchase of benefits or their behalf.

As I say, the whistleblower question dealt with one trustee. The staff's research went back to 2019, and found that a number of other trustees have done the same and that there were no issues around the practice, no issues around pre- versus post-tax payments and no other concerns.

So from the staff's perspective, which has been vetted with Josh and I, I think we were satisfied that there's no other matter to pursue here.

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MR. NELSON: Agreed. The only thing I would add, just for clarification, is that these benefits are provided to trustees at their cost. There's no additional costs to the District to

1 provide this benefit. CHAIR NOLET: Right. And I think, at 2 3 least in the case that was looked at in detail, not only was their \$9,000 compensation contributed, pretax, but it was about another \$9,000, just to make sure that there was no out-of-pocket outcome for the GID. 8 Any comments or questions from my fellow 9 committee members on that? 10 TRUSTEE TULLOCH: No. I think that clears 11 up completely. Thank you. 12 CHAIR NOLET: Takes us on to E 5. 13 E 5. 14 CHAIR NOLET: Josh, I'm going to start with a question for you again. This item is one 15 that has been discussed extensively at Board of 16 17 Trustees meetings. The trustee in question 18 presented his own view. 19 I quess my question is, it's been 20 discussed extensively, publicly, can we talk about 2.1 the trustee or we are still in kind of a blackout 2.2 mode here? 23 MR. NELSON: Unfortunately, we are still 24 in having that Open Meeting Law restriction, so we can talk at a very high level that we can't get into 25

anyone's character or competence.

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2 CHAIR NOLET: Okay. Thank you for that 3 guidance.

The question raised in number of Board of Trustees meetings as well as through the whistleblower hotline to me was whether or not a trustee had properly completed their financial disclosure statement for the last couple of years. Specifically whether or not with respect to questions 3 and 4 in that form, they had been compliant with the regulations on disclosure. And if they had had loans from -- real estate loans or loans secured by real estate from members of the community, whether that should have been disclosed n sections 3 and 4.

The Audit Committee developed a work plan to address this. We did some interviews, and then put our work on hold because the Secretary of State reached out to this trustee and said they were going to do their own investigation. Their work should be far for more extensive and thorough than ours, so we put pencils down, Vito and I were doing that work, and waited for this trustee to hear something from the State.

Questions were posed to this trustee by

the State in writing, written responses were provided to the State by this trustee, and on September 18th, this trustee received a remarkably concise letter from the Secretary of State, which I think was put on the record in a recent board meeting.

But says, in part:

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"The Secretary of State is chief election officer for the State of Nevada, is responsible for the enforcement of the election laws contained in Title 24 of the NRS. However, the activity described in the two complaints does not amount to a statutory violation, and, therefore, no further action will be taken by this office, and the files will be closed."

So that was a remarkably concise outcome from a state agency, which we all appreciate. And hence, in light of that, the committee did not undertake any other procedures.

So, Josh, you want to add anything to that?

MR. NELSON: No. I mean, I think they

do -- the Secretary of State's primarily responsibility for enforcing that statute, and we've received their view of the issue. 4 CHAIR NOLET: My fellow committee members, any comments, questions that I probably couldn't answer? 7 TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: I just have a procedural 8 question. When Whistleblower instances are brought forward and they are resolved, does -- is this 10 anything that is tracked, is monitored, so that we 11 have a record of it going forward? 12 CHAIR NOLET: The answer is there will be. 13 Right now, I'm tracking them. I've had this 14 conversation with Josh, and there's been some prior 15 Audit Committee dialogue around this as well. My view is, yes, there will be an 16 appropriately confidential log that certain folks 17 18 will have access to, and we need to sort that out. Yeah, it will stay in my home office. 19 20 And I can tell you there are a number of 2.1 other whistleblower matters that have also been 22 forwarded to staff of late that probably can be investigated and outcomes proposed back to us for 23 consideration without us getting involved firsthand 2.4

in doing any super-heavy lifting.

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But, yes, there's going to be record of that. I think that's only prudent.

MR. NELSON: I agree with that.

And would just, Sara, to your point and Chris', we are still in the process, frankly, of implementing the whistleblower policy. These are the first complaints that we've received, so we're definitely putting that together as we move forward. And appreciate Chris' efforts on it.

MEMBER BRANDLE: Nothing additionally to bring up. I will say there -- because of the fact of it going on back to the higher courts, if you will, kind of our involvement was a little bit diminished, and also the conclusion of it was probably little bit more of a surprise of how quickly it came and how quickly it went public. But nothing to add. Nothing to counter on it.

I would say -- this is to Sara's point on whistleblowers, we may want to also think of, internally, how we may want to keep all of us a little bit more transparent on possible conflicts just to avoid the flareups in the future, but that's probably a topic for another day.

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I think closes out that item. Takes us to long-range calendar review.

F. LONG RANGE CALENDAR REVIEW

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CHAIR NOLET: We don't really have a long-range calendar. I put this on there because we need one.

Scheduling is becoming unbelievably difficult these days. And I've taken over personally scheduling the Audit Committee meetings. What I would like to do before we wrap up here is schedule the next four -- three, I guess. November, December, January. The goal is to keep them out of Board of Trustees meeting weeks, so that nobody, particular staff, is overburdened. Seems to work pretty well around 4:00 for 90 minutes or more, probably, as we move forward.

But I think there is enough moving parts from here on out with regard to the due diligence audit, the financial statement audit, a number of other things, staffing inadequacy, I think once a month feels like the right cadence, but I'd invite comments from my committee members.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: I am fine with the frequency that you feel that we need.

I have a question for this group about an

item to potentially be on a long-range calendar. 1 2 This committee, probably two years ago, 3 maybe more, worked to draft the whistleblower policy and procedure. And recently that was reviewed by Moss Adams, and they did identify some potential I'm wondering if it's appropriate, then, for the Audit Committee to take a look at that existing policy and procedure and the feedback from Moss Adams and see if there are any revisions that are 10 needed, and we could put that on a calendar. 11 The other thing I just wanted to bring up 12 is I looked on the website, and Jennifer's stack is 13 not out. If we could get her slide show posted to 14 the website. I don't see it on my phone, at least. 15 Yeah. It doesn't appear to be out there. 16 CHAIR NOLET: We'll make sure it get's 17 posted. 18 TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: Yeah, that would be 19 great. 20 CHAIR NOLET: We'll make sure that the 21 deck gets posted to the agenda for this meeting. 22 Then, too, with regard to Moss Adams's suggestions that weren't dealt with with regard to 23 the whistleblower policy, happy to put that on the 2.4

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             CHAIR NOLET: Okay. And, really, I'm
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  serious about doing business and making sausage in
   front of everybody. Scheduling has become
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   there's a Board of Trustees meeting -- okay. So
  what about -- there would be one, like, the 22nd,
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   9:00 A.M. Yep. Then given what's going on then,
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  let's do one before Christmas -- or holiday season.
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             MEMBER BRANDLE:
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1 TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: Aye. 2 CHAIR NOLET: Aye. 3 MR. NELSON: It looks like we just lost 4 Ray, Chris. We can record him as an abstention, if you'd like. We still have a quorum to approve the minutes. 7 CHAIR DENT: Okay. Let's do that then. 8 Super. 9 So then moving on to closing remarks. 10 H. CLOSING REMARKS 11 CHAIR NOLET: That was me. I think, 12 frankly, I think most everything that I was going to 13 say has been covered. I think I'll pass on that, and we'll move to final public comments. 14 15 I. FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS MR. DOBLER: Cliff Dobler, 995 Fairway. 16 17 I would like to have everybody just think 18 for a little bit about this capitalization of expenses over the last five years. 19 20 Now, the Board decided universally that we 2.1 should do a look back period. And I turn around and wrote "37 memorandums," which most of them had to do 22 with expensing capital costs. All of those were 23 written to the general manager and also to the chief 2.4 25 financial officer. Those were not taken care of.

So when we get to the idea of fraud, which is kind of an ugly word because you don't know what it is, and then we talk about intent and then unintentional and the unintentional would be that, well, we just make a mistake. But if you knew about these things and you didn't take care of them, then the way I see it, it has to be intentional. You knew about them. You didn't do anything about them. You didn't put them on the Audit Committee. He — the director of finance had to know that the items had to be expensed. And therefore, they weren't.

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So what we have is a situation is it intentional that he didn't do it? Or is it unintentional because he made a mistake?

And I think that I'm leaning a little bit to the left there, and thinking that you really need to consider that because this went on for four years, guys. We had four years of prior period adjustments, and the only adjustments that we made were me like prying it out of a locked door to get some of these things done, where the other ones were just shuffled around like a deck of cards.

And I just don't see how you can just look at possibly \$9 million of write offs that haven't occurred yet and say to yourselves, Eh, that was

intentional. He just make a mistake or an error.

When they were being brought to him over a three-year period. And that's all I have to say is you guys need to think long and hard about that.

Thank you.

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CHAIR NOLET: As I've mentioned, those have not been dismissed. They're still on the work list.

MS. WELLS: Hi. Christy Wells, incline Village resident.

I don't have anything prepared tonight, but I saw on the agenda was the whistleblower policy and some discussion around it. And I would just like to have a better understanding as to the -- how does one inside of IVGID submit a whistleblower policy when two member of the Board of Trustees are on this Audit Committee, and how do you ensure they're protected?

Because I have actually spoken to several employees over the last couple weeks, and they don't feel they can use whistleblower policies for some actions that have taken place by the Board members because they don't feel they will be treated in a fair and balanced way.

So, I'm bringing this up at the Audit

1 Committee. I don't know -- I know there's gaps.

2 Moss Adams has absolutely addressed these and called

3 these out that need to be taken care of problem.

But I think you guys have a problem with having the

5 employees feel that they have a protected space and

6 that clearance to do so.

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I also just want to say, I'm curious with several members of trustees -- Ray's not on the phone anymore, unfortunately, who have been on the Audit Committee for years and why some of these things haven't been brought up? Because I would think the whole point of an Audit Committee was that you guys were working closely with IVGID finance departments, going through the audits of late. And so I guess I just don't understand how we got here when you guys have been working with the department and asking questions for three years. You tell me you don't know, but then when does the Audit Committee hold themselves accountable?

Because I would imagine, you should have been asking these questions long before just recently. Yeah, you can keep laughing. It's true. Everybody needs to hold each other accountable, I think that is what the point of my statement is.

Thank you.

CHAIR NOLET: Thank you.

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Before you joined us, I had addressed the whistleblower. It's a good question. It probably needs to be asked a number of times.

There's a page on the website, and it tells you who, how, when. It basically says that if you have a concern, you when in doubt, submit something. Believe me, people have. They are confidential. They come to me. If it goes through the system, it comes to me and Josh and that's it. If it comes through personal, some have, then it's just me. Then I decide how to move forward. Couple decades of doing this kind of stuff.

In general, at some point we'll involve some staff members in order help -- get some help on the details, the records, the whatever.

They are completely anonymous. Our whistleblower system doesn't have a response button. Some do, some don't. That's why I'm trying to address these as we knock down the big ones. We're going to continue to do that. Maybe that's a Moss Adams point, I don't know, that there ought to be some kind of feedback.

Anyway, it is very confidential. And so people should -- if they just want to call me, it's

1 better in writing because I've got something to deal 2 with, but they can call me too.

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On the second score, you know, maybe I'll let Ray comment, but for the 2021 CAFR audit, these items were out there, they weren't really addressed, and so it's not super prominent in any records. But the Audit Committee did not approve the CAFR for filing it with the State. They said there were too many open questions, so they demurred, requesting additional work. But the full board at that time overrode the committee and filed the CAFR with the State anyway.

That's the most explicit action I'm aware of, where the Audit Committee really said, you know, hey, there's too many open items. We're not satisfied yet, and others went on without them.

TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: It was last year.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: It was the 2021 CAFR.

CHAIR NOLET: Anyway, that's an explicit example. You know, those people are gone. We're not going to name names. That should never happen.

The reason I developed this project in the first place, that Cliff's talking about, is because I couldn't be involved, as a professional, with signing of an audit with 30 open items.

We're not done with this work of the 38 1 items, 19 have been resolved, but there's some consequential ones that haven't. And we're going to need to chew through those at some point. I'm working with Bobby to say that he's 5 got bigger fish to fry right now. And if he has to get something auditable before any adjustments are made before we can divert staff resources to this, candidly, I see this as sort of a December exercise. 10 But we will get addressed, and others will have to 11 go through and understand the materiality. 12 Pardon me? 13 (Inaudible public comment.) 14 CHAIR NOLET: Yeah. And I responded to 15 that. 16 (Inaudible public comment.) 17 MR. NELSON: Chris, I'm sorry. Jumping in 18 a little bit. We do have the ability to briefly 19 respond to requests, but we can't deliberate. 20 this is starting to turn a little bit into --2.1 CHAIR NOLET: Okay. Can we just let 22 Ms. Wells ask her final question? I won't respond 2.3 to it. I think I would just then ask, 2.4 MS. WELLS: 25 because it's been said at several board meetings, is

there's been crying of fraud. Ray keeps saying,
yes, none has been found, Ray, and on social media,
everybody's really trying hard to just say no fraud
has been found yet, but there's red flags.

Understood.

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It's demoralizing to IVGID staff when they work hard every single day and all they hear is the community members rally up and assuming the worst of everybody. So I'm asking once again, that you guys be very careful with how you frame this, because until fraud has been found, please stop saying there's been fraud or inferring that there is fraud.

Actually, just even tonight, in tonight's meeting, and Josh could hold me accountable for that too, there was the inference that there's plenty of red flags and that there's potential fraud. I heard it.

I'm just asking again: Be super careful with your words.

TRUSTEE TULLOCH: Can I respond? Yes, you're quite absolutely correct. You made the point. And the whistleblower policy was explicitly written that way, so it only went to the chair of the Audit Committee and to general counsel. It did not do go to all the Audit Committee members, just

let's be very clear about -- and that's clear in the policy.

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And, yes, you're correct. The 2021 ACFR was rejected by the Audit Committee, and it was recommended to the board to reject it. But unfortunately three board members, Callicrate, Wong, and Tonking, all voted to override the Audit Committee recommendations.

And in my professional career, and, Chris, in your professional career, I've never come across a board that rejects an Audit Committee recommendations outright like that.

And if you check the record, I made that comment as well. I was actually criticized at a subsequent interview by the two of the three same board members for being outspoken in that. I make no apologies for being outspoken in that.

With regard to suggestions of fraud, nobody has ever stated there's fraud. We've stated there's red flags.

And, Chris, you can also affirm, these are all classic red flags of potential there. One of the reasons for doing the forensic audit is so that my doubt about employees can also be removed if we get a clear forensic audit. It's -- I'm on quite

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   our whistleblower policy for Incline Village allows
   the Audit Committee to be part of that process.
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But in my humble experience, I think it should go through HR so it's actually a hundred percent confidential. Because I don't think community citizens, whether they're on the Audit Committee or the Golf Committee or any committee, should be involved when dealing with staff and issues they may have because the staff -- we have so many staff people who are so upset about how they've been treated and everything, and they will not come out and say anything because they fear for their jobs. It just bothers me.

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And then the second point I want to make, listening to everything tonight, is it's really disturbing for me that people, that you're out there looking for red flags, saying there's red flags. I think the audit should be completed. I don't think we should necessarily be spending tons of money — because we wasted a lot of money this year on a lot of things — on a forensic audit until the audit is completed.

Complete the audit, get your answers, and then decide if you need a forensic audit. Don't listen to community members who aren't necessarily involved in the books every day. Let the new controller, let the current people do their job to

finish the audit. 1 2 Thank you. 3 TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: I just want to clarify that the whistleblower policy is posted on the District's website under Board policies and 5 practices. And in the policy, there are instructions of how that HR, where the place for employees to go. 8 9 So please feel free to review that policy 10 that is posted. DR. WYMAN: Andy Wyman, 170 Village. 11 12 Just about this issue of whistleblowers. It's perfectly plausible, and I think probably 13 correct, that there's an excellent policy, it's well 14 articulated, well defined, it tells a potential 15 whistleblower exactly what they can do, and there 16 17 are a number of employees who are intimidated and 18 frightened and do not come forward. Both things can 19 be true. And that's does tell the Board that 20 there's issue. 21 If there are people who are frightened to 22 come forward, even though it's a completely off-the-record set of comments, then there's 23 2.4 something wrong, and that needs to be explored, from 25 my perspective.

Second thing is I heard what Mr. Dobler 1 had to say, and, certainly, I support his right to say it. What I found amusing was that Cliff Dobler said that he is leaning to the left on this issue. And if you're involved with politics, that's the first time I've heard that.

(Inaudible public comment.)

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DR. WYMAN: Maybe it wasn't, but I thought it was amusing. Thanks anyway for the feedback.

The last thing I'm intrigued about was the comment that I made at the beginning of this meeting about discussion with staff up at The Grille.

And may have been mistaken, Sara, but perhaps you can elucidate it more clearly. Were you saying that a Board of Trustee member is not permitted to talk with staff? That's my question, because I thought that's kind of what you were inferring.

To be clear -- Josh, TRUSTEE SCHMITZ: correct me if I misstate anything -- no trustee has any authority to direct any staff member at my time, including the general manager, outside of a board meeting. The Board is the only authority, and the Board gives direction, as a board, only at a public 25 meeting. That is the only place.

Outside of that, individual trustees do not have the authority to direct or instruct staff to do anything.

Is that correct, Josh? Did I make it clear?

MR. NELSON: Yeah. I would encourage interested members of the public to review the code of conduct, the Board's code of conduct, which is on the website, which outlines the communication protocol.

DR. WYMAN: I just want to make it clear that's not what I said at all earlier in the meeting when you responded to that comment. I was not talking about that at all.

I was simply talking about the ability of a Board member who might have an interest in understanding how a particular venue works to discuss that issue.

Thank you.

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MS. McKOWEN: I heard Josh say that the whistleblower policy has not been completely put together yet. There was something that he said -- implemented.

MS. NELSON: Again, Chris, this is really turning into a back and forth, but I will briefly

respond to that.

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What that was in reference to was the tracking of complaints as they move forward. The whistleblower policy has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

MS. McKOWEN: So, if you are an employee and you submit something, it may not be tracked right away?

MR. NELSON: That's --

CHAIR NOLET: I'm tracking them.

MS. USINGER: When we're talking about employees being afraid to report a problem, we can just use the example of Dee Carey in the last couple weeks. Now, Dee Carey is not a current employee, but she certainly is identified by everybody as an IVGID employee.

And the overwhelming desire by the Board to sue her put a ripple down everybody's back. And the -- I'm just saying that you -- the perception by the IVGID staff is legitimate in their fear of being retaliated against and brought into the community and shown for their terrible things that they did. And that that is a real problem.

CHAIR NOLET: Just last comment on this.

I have an idea on that, but I'll have to work

through HR and Josh to see if it works or not. 1 2 MR. GOVE: I have a caller on the line. 3 Ellie Dobler, 995 Fairway. MS. DOBLER: 4 I guess I have to stop laughing while I'm 5 doing this. It amazes me to what lengths you go 6 7 through to silence Cliff Dobler. The sound was off during his initial public comment. This happens way too often to be coincidental. It turned on the 10 middle of Dr. Wyman's comment. Too bad that it 11 wasn't muted during Ms. Usinger's comments, who seem 12 to believe that social media is a valid source of 13 information. And that's goes for Ms. Wells after 14 her final comments, and also Ms. McKowen. 15 The comments that Ms. Cars makes, to me, 16 was laughable how HR is the place to give your 17 comments because they are so professional and do not 18 disclose anything. Wonderful. 19 I did not prepare this, but -- this -- I 20 couldn't speak earlier because I was trying to see 2.1 if my computer was off or what is actually the 22 sound, and it was the actual sound. He wasn't muted 23 at the end, which is amazing, but good work, guys. 2.4 Thank you. 25 Thank you, Ms. Dobler. CHAIR NOLET:

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   soon as I get the meeting adjourned and I can get
   the Zoom recording downloaded, we're going to post
   it.
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Appearance fee October 5, 2023 Audit Committee meeting	1	\$350.00	\$350.00
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### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Audit Committee

THROUGH: Chris Nolet, Audit Committee Chairman

FROM: Trustee Sara Schmitz

**SUBJECT:** Review, discuss, possibly revise and possibly approve the

modifications to the Whistleblower Policy & Procedure. (Requesting

Committee Member: Trustee Sara Schmitz)

**DATE:** November 27, 2023

### I. RECOMMENDATION

Review the attached redline document for proposed recommendations.

### II. BACKGROUND

Moss Adams reviewed the procedure and identified areas for improvement. The red-lined version is an attempt to enhance the procedure into a policy and procedure.

### III. ATTACHMENTS

Moss Adams Report review page Whistleblower Procedure – Redline Whistleblower Procedure – Final 11202023

### **Board Policies Gap Analysis**

Level of Effort of P&P Category:

Full Gap - P&P does not exist for category

Major Gaps - Some P&P documentation exists but major gaps in coverage exist

Minor Gaps - P&Ps cover most of the key areas but require some updating or additional coverage.

Update Needed - The P&P needs to be reviewed for potential updates needed.

Summary of Priority/Phases	
Phase One (High Risk)	Critical control deficiencies that expose the District to a high degree of combined risks. Recommendations from high-risk findings should be implemented immediately (preferably within 6 to 12 months) to address areas with the most significant impact or highest likelihood of loss, misappropriation, or damage related to the District assets.
Phase Two (Medium Risk)	Represents less than critical deficiencies that expose the District to a moderate degree of combined risks. Recommendations arising from medium-risk findings should be implemented in a timely manner (preferably within 18 months) to address medium risks and strengthen or enhance efficiency in internal controls on areas with moderate impact and likelihood of exposure.
Phase Three (Low Risk)	Represents low risk or control deficiencies and the exposure is not likely to expose the District and its assets to significant losses. However, they should be addressed to improve efficiency and effectiveness of operations. Recommendations arising from low-risk findings should be implemented within 24 months.

Policy Name	Policy, Procedure, and Current Coverage Summary	Applicable NRS Sections (if any)	Recommendations	<b>Gap Type</b>	Associated Risk
Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Members (no number)	I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY II. CONDUCT A. Elected and Appointed Members' Conduct with One Another B. Trustees' and Members' Conduct with District Staff C. Elected and Members' Conduct with the Public D. Conduct Generally	NRS 318, NRS 241.030-033	- Update to include process for managing conflicts of interest (or address as seperate policy) - Update to include prohibition against and means to address sexual harassment, general harassment, and discrimination (or address as seperate policy) - Add policy number - Consider distinguishing between policy and procedure information	Major Gap	Medium
Whistleblower Policy (no number)	- General - Reporting Trustees, employees, and volunteers The public - No Retaliation - Acting in Good Faith - Confidentiality - Receipt, Retention, and Treatment – Role of The Audit Committee Chair - Receipt, Retention, and Reporting – Role of The General Manager	NRS 281.611	- Clarify scope (referenced inconsistently throughout the policy) and ensure that it covers committee members - Update to clarify that violation of policy can result in removal from Board position (not just censure) - Describe conditions under which an investigation would include an independent third-party reviewer - Expand description of misconduct to include violation of code of conduct, bribery, corruption, money laundering, tax evasion, environmental damage, breaches of public health, and safety regulations Expand reporting process to include reporting procedure if General Manager is implicated in complaint - Consider describing how whistleblowers are protected by the law - Consider distinguishing between policy and procedure information - Add policy number	Major Gap	Medium
Board Policy 1.1.0 - Strategic Planning Policy	0.1 Initiate the Strategic Planning Process 0.2 Prepare a Mission Statement 0.3 Assess Environmental Factors 0.4 Identify Critical Issues 0.5 Agree on a Small Number of Long Range Principles 0.6 Develop Strategies to Achieve Long Range Principles 0.7 Develop Objectives 0.8 Create an Action Plan 0.9 Incorporate Performance Measures 0.10 Obtain Approval of the Plan 0.11 Implement the Plan 0.12 Monitor Progress 0.13 Reassess the Strategic Plan	N/A	Review policy every three to five years (last updated in 2014) Distinguish between policy and procedure information Clarify roles and responsibilities of management vs. Board Consider reducing specific implementation details to allow for additional flexibility/responsiveness Formalize requirement to conduct comprehensive strategic planning process every five years and consider adding an enforcement mechanism	Major Gap	Medium
Board Policy 2.1.0 Financial Standards	Covers the District's Long Range Principles as part of its Strategic Planning Process for the following areas: Resources and Environment, Finance, Workforce, Services, Facilities, and Communications	NRS 318.080:Duties of board of county commissioners; appointment of initial board of trustees; bond; removal of trustee.	NRS 318.080 lists the following as duties of the board of trustees to establish:  2. While acting as the board of trustees, the board of county commissioners shall establish:  (a) Accounting practices and procedures for the district;  (b) Auditing practices and procedures to be used by the district;  (c) A budget for the district; and  (d) Management standards for the district.  Consider including oversight and updating of these as the current Finance section does not speak directly to these tasks.	Minor GAP	Low

### **POLICY:**

### 1.0 General

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In addition, IVGID encourages its employees, volunteers, other stakeholders of the District, and the public to share their questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints with their supervisor, Venue Manager, Trustees, General Manager, or the Audit Committee Chair.

### The Whistleblower Procedure includes the following:

- The methods for submission of suspected Misconduct may be reported by employees, Trustees, volunteers, other stakeholders of the District, and the public on a confidential and anonymous basis to the extent permitted by applicable law.
- The process to be followed when a submission of concern is received.
- The receipt, retention, and treatment of suspected Misconduct submissions received by the Audit Committee regarding IVGID Policies, Practices, Resolutions, Ordinances and other applicable laws and regulations. The protection of employees, Trustees, volunteers, other stakeholders of the District, and the public reporting concerns from retaliatory actions.

#### 2.0 Reporting

It is the responsibility of all employees, Trustees, and volunteers to report Misconduct and/or reasonable suspicions of Misconduct in accordance with this Whistleblower Procedure. Other stakeholders of the District and the public may also report Misconduct in accordance with this Whistleblower Procedure.

"Misconduct" means (a) questionable or improper accounting or auditing matters, (b) violations and suspected violations of federal, state, local laws, and (c) violations and suspected violations of IVGID Ordinances, Policies, Proposed July 13, 2021 Website has an "adopted version" dated Jan 22, 2023?

Practices, <u>and</u> Resolutions <u>and the Code of Conduct, (d) conflicts of interest, (e) misuse of District</u>. "Misconductresources. "Misconduct" does not include minor, immaterial matters or routine workplace complaints or disciplinary matters which shall be processed under applicable Human Resources policies and/or applicable Memorandum of Understanding.

2.1 Trustees, employees and volunteers have the following options for reporting concerns that involve Misconduct and/or or reasonable suspicions of Misconduct:

- A. Discuss any suspected Misconduct with their **immediate** supervisor.
- B. Report the suspected Misconduct to the **Director of Human Resources**.

If the Misconduct was reported verbally to the Director of Human Resources, the reporting individual, with assistance from the Director of Human Resources, shall reduce the <u>reported</u> Misconduct to writing.

C. Report the suspected Misconduct to the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Should the suspected Misconduct implicate one or both of the General Manager or the Chair of the Audit Committee, this is the recommended reporting option.

- D. Report the suspected Misconduct to the Chair of the Audit Committee.
- E. Report the suspected Misconduct to any other **Trustee**. It is recommended that if a Trustee receives a report it is copied to the Chair of the Audit Committee unless the Chair of the Audit Committee is implicated to be investigated in accordance with the procedure described in the section **Receipt**, **Retention**, and **Treatment Role of the Audit Committee Chair**.
- F. Submit concerns of suspected Misconduct anonymously using the IVGID website. Such submittals will automatically be routed to the Audit Committee Chair with a copy to the General Counsel.
- **2.2 The Public** may also submit suspected Misconduct and/or or reasonable suspicions of Misconduct to:
  - A. The Audit Committee Chair by email at <a href="mailto:AuditCommittee@ivgid.org">AuditCommittee@ivgid.org</a>.

    The email will be routed to both the Audit Committee Chair and General Counsel.
  - B. Anonymously using the IVGID website. All anonymous allegations of Misconduct will be sent directlyrouted to the Chair of the Audit Committee with a copy to the and General Counsel.

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C. Mail to 893 Southwood Blvd. to the attention of the Audit Committee Chair, Strictly Confidential – Addressee only, Incline Village NV 89451. General Counsel will be informed of the receipt of the mail.

Upon receipt of suspected Misconduct, the receiving party shall take swift action which shall include investigating or referring it to Human Resources if it is not subject to this procedure. When employee conduct is in question and to obtain completely unbiased results, ilnvestigations may include an independent third partythird-party reviewer. How investigations are to be conducted will be up to, the Audit Committee Chair, the General Manager Human Resources department and/or Legal Ceounsel, as applicabledeemed appropriate.

#### 2.3 No Retaliation

This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable Trustees, volunteers, stakeholders of the District, the public and employees to report Misconduct and/or reasonable suspicions of Misconduct within IVGID for investigation and appropriate action. With this goal in mind, no Trustee, volunteer, member of the public, employee or other stakeholder of the District who, in good faith, reports Misconduct shall be subject to retaliation, harassment or public disclosure except to the extent required by applicable law or, in the case of an employee, adverse employment consequences. Moreover, any volunteer, Trustee or employee who retaliates, directly or indirectly, in violation of this procedure, against someone who has reported Misconduct and/or or reasonable suspicions of Misconduct in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including removal from the volunteer position, or termination of employment, or being censured as a Trustee.

### 2.4 Acting in Good Faith

Anyone raising concerns of Misconduct and/or reasonable suspicions of Misconduct must be acting in good faith and have reasonable cause for believing the information disclosed indicates Misconduct. Any allegations that prove to be made maliciously or knowingly false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense. For employees, this may result in termination. "Good faith" does not mean that the reporting person must be positive that their report is correct, but rather that the person is providing all of the information they have and that they believe it to be true at the time of reporting.

### 2.5 Confidentiality

To the extent permitted by applicable law, reports of Misconduct or suspected Misconduct will be kept confidential on a "need-to-know" basis,

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consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the party leading the investigation shall make every reasonable effort to ensure the identity of the reporter is not disclosed if such reporter wishes to remain confidential. If an internal investigation could materially increase the risk of confidentiality being compromised, the use of an independent third party to conduct the investigation is recommended. ——Improper or unauthorized disclosure of reports of Misconduct or resulting investigations will be viewed as a serious offense and will result in applicable disciplinary procedures being followed, up to and including termination of employment if provided under such procedures.

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#### PROCEDURE:

### **1.0 1.0** General

The methods for submission of suspected Misconduct may be reported by employees, Trustees, volunteers, other stakeholders of the District, and the public on a confidential and anonymous basis to the extent permitted by applicable law.

The Whistleblower Procedure is to be followed when a submission of concern is received.

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# 2.0 Receipt, Retention, and Treatment – Role of the Audit Committee Chair

The Audit Committee Chair will track and provide quarterly reports on the following statistics:

- The number of reported concerns regarding Misconduct received through the IVGID website or direct reporting to the Audit Committee Chair or passed to the Audit Committee Chair for investigation by another party receiving a report.
- 2. The average time to resolve or respond to those concerns.
- 3. The number of repeated concerns regarding Misconduct submitted.

The Audit Committee Chair will review all concerns under the <u>Wwhistleblower Policyprocedure</u> s/he receives. The following are potential, but not exclusive, options of action for the Audit Committee Chair which shall be determined in consultation with General Counsel, unless the Counsel is implicated in which case the Chair shall consult with the Chair of Board of Trustees:

- Delegate the investigation to the General Manager when the submission is outside the Audit Committee responsibilities as defined in Board Policy 15.1.0, Section 2.0.
- Engage an external independent resource to investigate and provide recommended corrective actions as deemed appropriate by the Audit Committee Chair, General Counsel and the General Manager.

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Delegate the investigation to the General Manager or General Counsel.

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If a concern under the <a href="Wwhistleblower">Wwhistleblower</a> <a href="Perocedure">Perocedure</a> is delegated to the General Manager, s/he is expected to take immediate action while keeping the Audit Committee Chair informed of the status of the investigation and corrective action taken. To ignore a concern under the <a href="Wwhistleblower">Wwhistleblower</a> <a href="Perocedure">Perocedure</a> will result in action pursuant to applicable disciplinary procedures, up to and including termination for inaction. The Audit Committee Chair shall retain ultimate responsibility to ensure that allegations of Misconduct under the <a href="Wwhistleblower">Wwhistleblower</a> <a href="Perocedure">Perocedure</a> are investigated and resolved in a timely fashion. The Audit Committee Chair has the authority to take additional action as s/he deems appropriate should s/he deem the investigation and corrective action is not being dealt with in an appropriate and timely manner.

### 2.0 Receipt, Retention, and Reporting – Role of the General Manager

In addition to the report by Audit Committee Chair, take General Manager will track and provide quarterly reports to the Audit Committee chair on the following statistics:

- The number of reported concerns under the Whistleblower Procedure regarding Misconduct received through direct reporting to the General Manager or Human Resources Director or passed to the General Manager for investigation by another party receiving a report.
- 2. The average time to resolve or respond to those concerns.

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- 3. The number of repeated concerns regarding Misconduct submitted.
- 4. The Number of reported concerns referred to the Audit Committee.

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## PROCEDURE:

#### 1.0 General

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# 2.0 Receipt, Retention, and Treatment - Role of the Audit Committee Chair

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The Audit Committee Chair will review all concerns under the Whistleblower Policy s/he receives. The following are potential, but not exclusive, options of action for the Audit Committee Chair which shall be determined in consultation with General Counsel, unless the Counsel is implicated in which case the Chair shall consult with the Chair of Board of Trustees:

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- 2. Engage an external independent resource to investigate and provide recommended corrective actions as deemed appropriate by the Audit Committee Chair, General Counsel and the General Manager
- 3. Delegate the investigation to the General Counsel.

If a concern under the Whistleblower Procedure is delegated to the General Manager, s/he is expected to take immediate action while keeping the Audit Committee Chair informed of the status of the investigation and corrective action taken. To ignore a concern under the Whistleblower Procedure will result in action pursuant to applicable disciplinary procedures, up to and including termination for inaction. The Audit Committee Chair shall retain ultimate responsibility to ensure that allegations of Misconduct under the Whistleblower Procedure are investigated and resolved in a timely fashion. The Audit Committee Chair has the authority to take additional action as s/he deems appropriate should s/he deem the investigation and corrective action is not being dealt with in an appropriate and timely manner.

# 2.0 Receipt, Retention, and Reporting – Role of the General Manager

In addition to the report by Audit Committee Chair, the General Manager will track and provide quarterly reports to the Audit Committee chair on the following statistics:

- 1. The number of reported concerns under the Whistleblower Procedure regarding Misconduct received through direct reporting to the General Manager or Human Resources Director or passed to the General Manager for investigation by another party receiving a report.
- 2. The average time to resolve or respond to those concerns.
- 3. The number of repeated concerns regarding Misconduct submitted.
- 4. The Number of reported concerns referred to the Audit Committee.