



Audit Committee Agenda				
REGULAR MEETING	Presiding Officer:	Sung Won Sohn		
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025	Committee Member:	Janna Sidley		
TIME: 9:30 A.M.	Manager-Secretary:	Todd Bouey		
MEETING LOCATION:	Executive Assistant:	Ani Ghoukassian		
LACERS Boardroom 977 N. Broadway Los Angeles, California 90012	Legal Counselor:	City Attorney's Office Public Pensions General Counsel Division		
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SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025	President: Vice President:	Annie Chao Janna Sidley		
TIME: 9:30 A.M. MEETING LOCATION:	Commissioners:	Thuy Huynh Thomas Moutes Gaylord "Rusty" Roten		
LACERS Boardroom 977 N. Broadway Los Angeles, California 90012	Manager-Secretary: Executive Assistant:	Sung Won Sohn Todd Bouey Ani Ghoukassian		
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Agenda of: July 8, 2025

Item No: <u>II</u>

#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AUDIT COMMITTEE LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

February 25, 2025

9:30 a.m.	
Chair:	Sung Won Sohn
Committee Members:	Elizabeth Lee Janna Sidley
Legal Counselor:	Miguel Bahamon
Manager-Secretary:	Todd Bouey
Executive Assistant:	Ani Ghoukassian
	Chair: Committee Members: Legal Counselor: Manager-Secretary:

The Items in the Minutes are numbered to correspond with the Agenda.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION AND COMMENTS ON ANY SPECIFIC MATTERS ON THE AGENDA – Chair Sohn asked if there were any public comments on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction, to which there were no public comment cards received.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2024 AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Committee Member Sidley moved approval, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Committee Members Lee, Sidley, and Chair Sohn -3; Nays, None.

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REQUEST TO APPROVE AWARD OF EXTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT TO MOSS ADAMS LLP AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Colin Tran, Internal Auditor III, presented and discussed this item with the Committee for eight minutes. Committee Member Lee moved approval, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Committee Members Lee, Sidley, and Chair Sohn -3; Nays, None.

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OTHER BUSINESS – There was no other business.

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ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Sohn adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Sung Won Sohn Chair

Todd Bouey Manager-Secretary





#### REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE From: Todd Bouey, Interim General Manager

MEETING: JULY 8, 2025 ITEM: III

#### SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF REQUIRED AUDIT COMMUNICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 BY EXTERNAL AUDITOR, BAKER TILLY US, LLP

ACTION: CLOSED: CONSENT: RECEIVE & FILE:

#### **Recommendation**

That the Audit Committee receive and file the external auditor's responsibility, planned scope and timing for the audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

#### **Discussion**

In accordance with *Statements on Auditing Standards AU-C 260*, our external auditors, Baker Tilly US, LLP (Baker Tilly), will provide their required communications related to their audit of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025 in the following presentation. Their presentation will go over the following:

- Scope of services provided to LACERS
- Introduction to the engagement team
- Responsibilities of management, the board/audit committee, and the auditors
- Areas of audit emphasis
- Concept of materiality and how it is applied to the LACERS audit
- Timing of their audit engagements

In the previous year, Baker Tilly (formerly known as Moss Adams LLP) completed the audit of LACERS' financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and issued an unmodified (clean) opinion signifying that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, LACERS' fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position. Baker Tilly also reported on internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and other matters in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and found no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. The audit results for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 will be communicated to the Board in December 2025.

Prepared By: Colin Tran, Internal Auditor III

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Attachments: 1. Baker Tilly US, LLP Required Audit Communication



## Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System

Audit Entrance Conference

July 8, 2025

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AC Meeting: 07/08/25 Item III Attachment 1

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Kory Hoggan, CPA Audit Engagement Principal Kory.Hoggan@bakertilly.com



Aaron Hamilton, CPA Audit Senior Manager Aaron.Hamilton@bakertilly.com



Kelly Jones, CPA Concurring Reviewer

**Other Team Members** *Lauren Casias, Manager Angel Rivera, Senior Alex Spanos, Staff* 

### **Scope of Services**

Reports to be provided

- Report of Independent Auditors on Financial Statements of LACERS for the year ended June 30, 2025
- Report of Independent Auditors on Financial Statements of 977 North Broadway Building for the year ended June 30, 2025
- Report of Independent Auditors on Employer Allocation and Pension Amounts by Employer for the measurement year June 30, 2024
- Report of Independent Auditors on Employer Allocation and OPEB Amounts by Employer for the measurement year June 30, 2024
- Report to Those Charged with Governance (required communications and other matters of interest)
- Report on Internal Controls (communication of internal control matters)

### **Our Responsibility**

1	Express our opinion on whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Our audit does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.	2 Perform audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards. Design the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether your financial statements are free of material misstatement.
3	Consider internal control as a basis for designing audit procedures but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on its effectiveness or to provide assurance concerning such internal control.	4 Communicate findings that, in our judgment, are relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

### **Areas of Audit Emphasis**



Internal controls, including information systems



Valuation and monitoring of investments





Investment and administrative expenses



Financial close and reporting process (including the employer allocation reporting)

### **Testing of Investments**

Guidance in AICPA Practice Aid for Alternative Investments

**Risk Assessment** 

- Alternative investments composition
- Understand nature, complexity, and volatility of investment

**Internal Controls** 

- Authorization of investments and investment policy
- Due diligence and on-going monitoring

Test of Details

- Confirm selected investments: existence, valuation, and liquidity
- Review audited financial statements and analyze assumptions used

### **Materiality**

The level of misstatement that could influence the economic decisions of users of the LACERS' financial statements

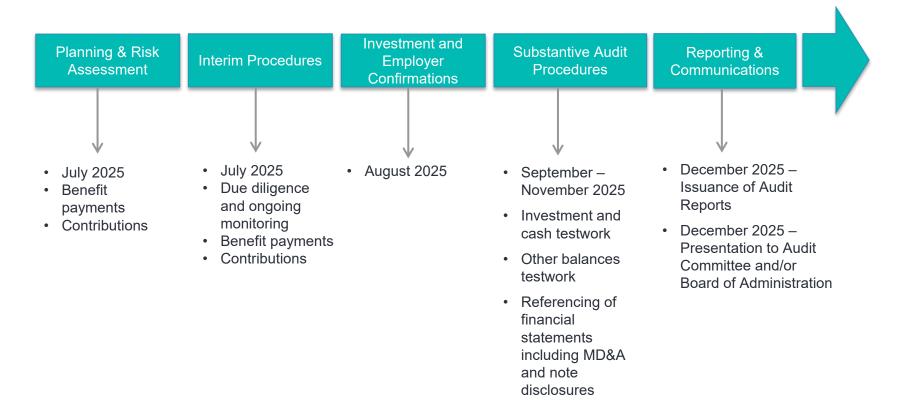


Materiality used to identify:

- Significant risk areas
- Nature, timing, extent, and scope of test work
- Findings or misstatements

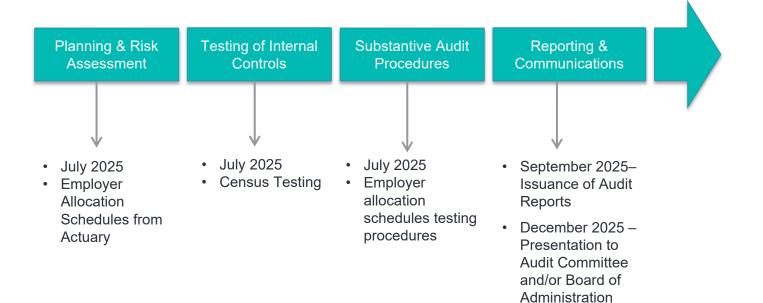
Two levels: Financial statement materiality and member level (much smaller)

#### **Financial Statement Audit Timeline**

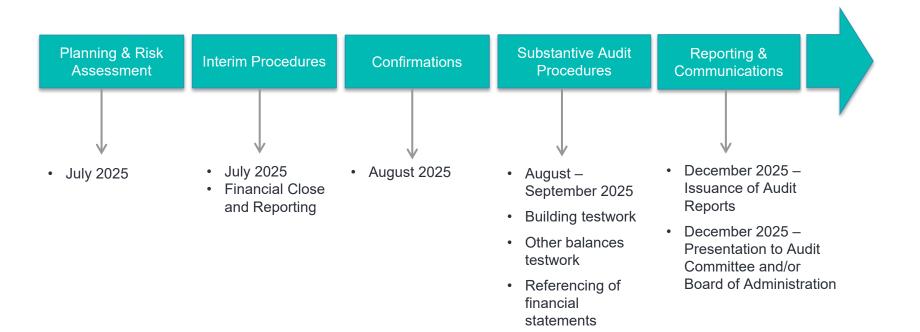


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### **Allocation Audit Timeline**



#### **977 North Broadway Financial Statement Audit Timeline**



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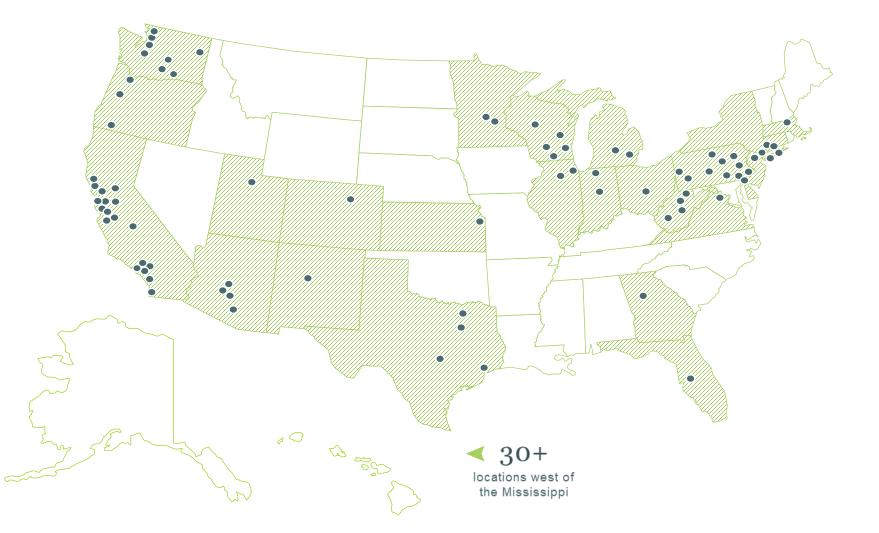
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