



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
of MARYLAND

**Board of Regents
Committee on Audit
2024 - 2025**

Charge:

To assist the Board of Regents in fulfilling its responsibilities for overseeing the adequacy of and compliance with the internal controls, BOR Policies, risk management practices, investigative activity, governance processes, and to oversee the sufficiency and appropriateness of the financial reporting of the University System of Maryland.

Role and Responsibilities:

The Committee on Audit regularly meets at least four times annually and, with the approval of the BOR, is granted the authority to investigate any activity of the USM, and all employees are directed to cooperate as requested by the Committee Chair or Committee of the Whole. The Committee, with the approval of the Board, is empowered to retain persons having special competence as necessary to assist the Committee in fulfilling its responsibility. It is empowered to:

- Appoint, compensate and oversee the work of the Director of Internal Audit and the public accounting firm employed by the organization to conduct the annual audit. This firm and the Director of Internal Audit will report directly to the Audit Committee.
- Resolve any disagreements between management and the auditor regarding financial reporting.
- Retain independent accountants or other qualified professionals to advise the Committee or assist in the conduct of an investigation.
- Seek any information it requires from employees--all of whom are directed to cooperate with the committee's requests--or external parties.
- Meet with USM officers, external auditors or outside counsel, as necessary.
- The committee may delegate authority to subcommittees, providing that decisions are presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.
- Review and approve the yearly internal audit plan and oversee the effectiveness of the internal audit function.

The Committee on Audit is charged with the following:

- A. The Committee on Audit shall render advice and assistance to the Board of Regents in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities for overseeing the adequacy of and compliance with the internal controls, BOR Policies, risk management practices, investigative activity,

governance processes, and to oversee the sufficiency and appropriateness of the financial reporting of the University System of Maryland.

- B. This Committee shall review independent audit proposals including the scope of examination, services to be provided, reports to be rendered and fees to be charged, recommend to the Board the selection and scope of work of the independent external auditor of the University System of Maryland, review findings received there from and provide the Board with appropriate reports.
- C. This Committee shall review legislative audits of the institutions of the University System and institutional responses thereto, and provide the Board with appropriate reports.
- D. This Committee shall review and recommend to the Board the scope of the internal audit function. The Committee shall review the Charter of the Office of Internal Audit, its annual plan of work, its reports and administrative actions taken regarding its recommendations, and its annual report of significant audit items, and shall provide the Board with appropriate reports on the activities of that office. The Committee shall review the performance of the Director of Internal Audit and monitor the effectiveness of the internal audit function.
- E. In fulfillment of these responsibilities this Committee shall foster direct communications with the external auditors on an annual basis or as otherwise deemed appropriate, and shall assure direct access from the Office of the Internal Audit, including meeting privately, at least on an annual basis, with the Director of Internal Audit.
- F. This Committee shall monitor the Board's observance of the State Ethics Code as it pertains to possible conflict of interest with matters of the University System of Maryland.
- G. This Committee shall assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to comply with Md. Education Code Ann. Section 12-104(p) review of annual financial disclosure statements—The Board of Regents shall review the annual financial disclosure statements filed by the Chancellor and the presidents of each constituent institution in accordance with Section 5-607 of the General Provisions Article.
- H. The Committee shall review the annual financial disclosure statements filed by the members of the Board of Regents in accordance with Section 5-607 of the General Provisions Article.
- I. The Committee shall render advice and assistance to the Board of Regents in fulfilling its responsibilities for overseeing the sufficiency and adequacy of Enterprise Risk Management of the University System of Maryland as defined in BOR Policy - VIII-20.00 Policy on Enterprise Risk Management.