

Audit Committee Meeting minutes
Washburn University Board of Regents
October 29, 2020

Attendance:

Regent Sourk
Regent Hulse
Regent Parks
Regent Beck

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Regent Sourk at 3:04 p.m. The meeting minutes from the September 7, 2020, meeting were approved without changes.

Washburn Controller, Luther Lee, reviewed the audit process key financial indicators. Kaleb Lilly (RubinBrown) presented results for the 2019-2020 audit for Washburn University. The key differences this year's audit is due to CAREs funding to the University. This section of the audit is not yet complete, as instructed at the federal level. Issuing opinion on the financials and the other portion will come on the CAREs funding at a later date. RubinBrown will begin with the audit of traditional materials, followed by the additional Covid relief funding audit after further instructions have been issued.

RubinBrown indicated that the audit process was smoother this year due to the staffing Washburn has in place. RubinBrown also indicated that with the increased amount of construction contracts on university campuses at a national level, this provides a target for external fraudulent behavior. They will be watching to ensure they do not see any such behavior. One change to this year's capital project audit will be a need for reporting leases beyond one year. These leases could include contracts such as capital projects involving Chartwells.

Luther Lee reported the financial index is slightly lower, but consistent with the past few years, with an increase of \$17 million in cash and cash equivalents. The capital assets have a net increase of \$8 million. Capital leases and bonds were paid down over the past fiscal year. Washburn is showing a solid financial statement over the last 10 years, including this year.

The committee moved, seconded, and approved the recommendation that the Board accept the Washburn University financial audit for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The meeting was adjourned by Sourk at 3:45 p.m.