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The Audit Committee meeting met on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 A.M.

PRESENT:

Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Chair
Director Robin Barnes
Director Maurice Sholas

ABSENT:

Director Alejandra Guzman
Director Joseph Peychaud

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Ghassan Korban, Executive Director, SWBNO; Yolanda Y. Grinstead, Special Counsel, SWBNO; E. Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, SWBNO; Christy Harowski, Chief of Staff, SWBNO; Ron Spooner, Interim General Superintendent.

Mr. Korban started by introducing Edwin Sutherland, the new Chief Auditor Executive of the Internal Audit department. He stated Mr. Edwin worked as an audit director in Baton Rouge for years in the Louisiana office of community development and will be leading us in audit planning efforts.

Mr. Edwin Sutherland stated he's tremendously excited to be a part of this utility. He has been working with auditing most of his career and he believes we are at a great inflection point as an organization. Mr. Edwin stated he brings diversity and look forward to learning everything about this utility from top to bottom to build a better future. As we continue to move forward and look toward the future, we will improve our level of service.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

Ms. Brandy Smith, from P&N gave an introduction of the 2021 Final Annual Audit Report. Ms. Smith summarized the audit report by explaining the exceptions and resolutions and what is to come in the 2022 audit report.

Director Duplessis expressed that she is excited about the significant changes and proud of the work that has been done since CFO Grey Lewis has become a part of the utility, by ensuring the reports are submitted on time. Director Duplessis is also excited about the resolutions that are now in these reports and thanked the team for their hard work and Ms. Brandy Smith for helping the utility get there.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:56 A.M. with a motion by Director Sholas; seconded by Director Barnes.