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The Audit Committee meeting met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:31 A.M.

PRESENT:

Director Maurice Sholas, Chair
Director Tamika Duplessis
Director Robin Barnes

ABSENT:

Director Nichelle Taylor

PRESENTATION ITEMS

Director Sholas introduced Chief Audit Executive Mr. Ed Sutherland, who gave a presentation on the SWBNO Internal Audit department which he recently became head of. Mr. Sutherland presented on the updated Audit committee and Internal Audit charters, the Internal Audit manual which is a working document and will focus on the Mission, Position, and Responsibility, Practice, Proficiency, and Professionalism, Risk Assessment and Audit Plan, The Audit Process, and Audit Support and Evidence.

Mr. Sutherland also informed the committee that he has posted on 3 hiring platforms to fill the 4 positions that are vacant in the department and interviews are ongoing. He also welcomed any recommendations from the committee, who in turn gave insight on additional ways to reach out to candidates. Mr. Sutherland then informed the committee that he will be giving quarterly updates on reporting from regulators and what the report will entail. Mr. Sutherland concluded with what he is working on for the remainder of 2023 for the audit plan and areas for review, which will include billing/CSM system, chemical pay/overtime pay, employee safety, and procurement/EDBP/contracting.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution (R-066-2023) Audit Committee Charter 2023

- **Director Sholas asked for a motion to approve the Audit Committee Charter 2023. Director Barnes moved to approve. Director Duplessis seconded. Motion carried.**

Resolution (R-067-2023) Internal Audit Charter 2023

- **Director Sholas asked for a motion to approve the Internal Audit Charter 2023. Director Duplessis moved to approve. Director Barnes seconded. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:51 A.M. with a motion by Director Duplessis; seconded by Director Barnes.