

Audit Committee of the
Atlanta Board of Education

Meeting Minutes - Thursday, April 14, 2016

Attendees:

Audit Committee Members

Leslie Grant, Audit Committee Chair
Matt Westmoreland
Eshe' Collins (via phone)
Courtney English, Ex-officio

Administration

Meria Carstarphen, Superintendent
William Scott, Director Internal Audit
Robert Morales, CFO

Others

Adrienne White, CPA

Meeting called to order 11:35 am

- Appointment of Community Advisors
 - Leslie Grant recommended with unanimous acceptance, the 3-year appointment of Adrienne White, C.P.A. current VP of Finance for the Center for Civil and Human Rights located in Atlanta, GA, to serve as a Community Advisor to the Audit Committee.
- Quarterly Audit Activity Reporting, William Scott
 - Mentioned current audits underway including gate receipts (football/ basketball) MS/HS, attendance audits, GA Milestones testing in-field, construction contract review, DOT follow up from last year. Project status on each of these will be available at the next meeting. Last three years have had many changes in the structure of APS, now that it is normalizing there will be a 3-year plan to begin again this Spring (with annual revisions) of risk-based assessment surveys.
 - Charter School Review – all charter schools must be independently audited. Significant findings in the Latin Academy audit that have been shared previously via other methods. Material weaknesses reported in last year's Charter School assessment have been remediated.
 - Proposed implementing a GRC (Governance Risk & Compliance) module of ACL (software analytics) in order to reduce manpower hours and increase analytics and reporting capabilities.
- Other Business:
 - Superintendent Carstarphen asked about follow-up from her prior meeting's inquiry about school-based reporting. Mr. Scott indicated the software adoption would assist with this.

Meeting adjourned 12:10pm.