

**TENNESSEE STATE SCHOOL BOND AUTHORITY**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**  
**June 23, 2025 – 2:15 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2024
3. Instructions for Public Comment
4. Review and Approval of Management's Risk Assessment as of 12/31/2024
  - Thad DelConte – Internal Audit Director, Finance and Administration
5. Review of FY24 Financial & Compliance Audit Results
  - Thad DelConte on behalf of Tabitha Furlong – Audit Manager, Division of State Audit
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

**TENNESSEE STATE SCHOOL BOND AUTHORITY**  
**Audit Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 22, 2024**

The Tennessee State School Bond Authority (TSSBA) Audit Committee was scheduled to meet at 3:15pm CDT, or immediately following the TLDA meeting, Monday, July 22, 2024 in the Volunteer Conference Center at the Cordell Hull Building in Nashville, Tennessee.

The following members were physically present:

Commissioner Jim Bryson, Chairman, Department of Finance & Administration  
Luke Lybrand, Designee for Randy Boyd, President, University of Tennessee  
Chris Mustain, Designee for the Honorable Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

The following member was absent:

Flora Tydings, Chancellor, Tennessee Board of Regents

Recognizing a quorum physically present, Chairman Bryson called the meeting to order at 3:45pm.

Chairman Bryson presented the minutes from the prior audit committee meeting, conducted on May 31, 2023, for approval. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lybrand and seconded by Mr. Mustain. No questions or comments were raised. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bryson then took an agenda item out of order to ask whether we had any requests for public comment. Sandi Thompson, Director of State Government Finance stated we did not, and Chairman Bryson moved to the next agenda item, review and approval of management's risk assessment. Chairman Bryson asked Thad DelConte, Director of Internal Audit, Finance and Administration and TSSBA Audit Committee Secretary, to present the assessment to the Committee. Mr. DelConte stated that the risk assessment was included in the members' packets, that it is for the entire Office of State Government Finance, much of which is directly related to the business of the School Bond Authority. He stated that he found the assessment to be very thorough and well documented, containing several pages of risks and mitigating controls, along with the results of their tests of controls, which found all of them to be operating effectively. He then recommended the approval of the risk assessment. Chairman Bryson then asked for a motion to approve, which was provided by Mr. Mustain and seconded by Mr. Lybrand. The floor was then opened for questions. There being no questions or discussion, a voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bryson then asked Tabitha Furlong, Legislative Audit Manager, Comptroller of the Treasury to update the committee on recent audit results. Ms. Furlong stated that the financial and compliance audit for the TSSBA for the year ended 06/30/2023 was issued on 12/12/2023 with an unmodified opinion, which is the preferred audit opinion. No findings were noted during the audit. This means the financial statements were found to be presented fairly in all material respects. Chairman Bryson then recognized Ms. Thompson and she proceeded to recognize her staff for their hard work and dedication, and for achieving this clean audit. She then stated that this is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that they've received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Chairman Bryson then offered his congratulations and appreciation to Ms. Thompson for the clean audit and again receiving the GFOA award. Chairman Bryson then asked the members if there are any questions on the report, seeing none he moved to the next agenda item.

Chairman Bryson then asked if there was any other business to be brought before the committee. Hearing none, he requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided by Mr. Lybrand and seconded by Mr. Mustain. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Approved on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Thad DelConte, TSSBA Secretary



## FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

### Tennessee State School Bond Authority

*For the Year Ended June 30, 2024*

**Jason E. Mumpower**  
*Comptroller of the Treasury*



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JASON E. MUMPOWER  
*Comptroller*

December 11, 2024

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor  
Members of the General Assembly  
Members of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is the financial and compliance audit of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Consideration of internal control over financial reporting and tests of compliance resulted in no audit findings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine J. Stickel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katherine J. Stickel, CPA, CGFM, Director  
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**Audit Report**  
**Tennessee State School Bond Authority**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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## AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS

### Opinions on the Financial Statements

The opinions on the financial statements are unmodified. Our independent auditor's report on the financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2023, is included with the financial statements published on the Comptroller of the Treasury's website as part of the *Tennessee State School Bond Authority Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*, available at <https://comptroller.tn.gov/boards/tennessee-state-school-bond-authority/investor-information/tssba-financial-reports.html>.

### Audit Findings

The audit report contains no findings.

### Prior Audit Findings

There were no findings in the prior audit report.





JASON E. MUMPOWER  
*Comptroller*

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in  
Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor  
Members of the General Assembly  
Members of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority

We have audited the financial statements of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority, a component unit of the State of Tennessee, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tennessee State School Bond Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Tennessee State School Bond Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in

internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tennessee State School Bond Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts (including the bond resolutions), noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Katherine J. Stickel, CPA, CGFM, Director  
Division of State Audit  
November 27, 2024



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