



February 25, 2021

Ms. Bethany Rhodes, Director
Ohio Retirement Study Council
30 E. Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Ms. Rhodes:

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5505.111, I am providing this report on the internal audit activities of Highway Patrol Retirement System (HPRS) during 2020. Once again, HPRS retained the Summit County Internal Audit Department (IAD) to perform internal audit services in 2020. IAD's reports were presented to the HPRS Audit Committee and the HPRS Board on December 17, 2020.

In addition to the internal audit, Schneider Downs, the independent auditing firm selected by the Auditor of State, performed a financial audit of HPRS. On June 18, 2020, Schneider Downs presented its audit report to the Audit Committee, giving HPRS an unmodified opinion. The report noted no deficiencies in HPRS' internal controls.

The HPRS Audit Committee met on the following dates in 2020 and took the following actions:

- June 18, 2020: The committee reviewed and approved the Audit Committee Charter and Work Plan. The committee voted to recommend to the board the re-hiring of Summit County IAD to perform the 2020 internal audit. Schneider Downs presented its audit of the 2019 financial statements, resulting in an unmodified "clean" opinion. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were found, and no reportable comments were noted. The committee reviewed and approved all trustees' expense reports for compliance with HPRS policies.
- December 17, 2020: Trooper Brice Nihiser was elected Committee Chair and Sergeant Jeremy Mendenhall was elected Vice-Chair. The committee accepted the 2020 internal audit report as presented by Summit County IAD. The committee also approved the Accounting Policy & Procedures (Internal Controls) manual. The committee reviewed and approved all trustees' expense reports for compliance with HPRS policies.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Roark".

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State Highway Patrol Retirement System 2020 Annual Audit Report

(Submitted to ORSC February 25, 2021)

Closed Audits: Recommendations

Audit Area	Risk Rating	Scope	Recommendations	Management's Response	Implemented	Implementation or Target Implementation
N/A						

Closed Audits: No Recommendations

Audit Area	Risk Rating	Scope	Management's Response
ORC Compliance	Low	Obtain and review current policies and procedures meet with appropriate personnel to obtain an understanding of the current processes and procedures; compare those existing processes to the policies and procedures manual for consistency, noting all exceptions; document and test for compliance; investigate discrepancies and summarize results; make recommendations where appropriate	N/A

Investment Management Fees Calculation	Low	Obtain and review current policies and procedures meet with appropriate personnel to obtain an understanding of the current processes and procedures; compare those existing processes to the policies and procedures manual for consistency, noting all exceptions; document and test for compliance; investigate discrepancies and summarize results; make recommendations where appropriate	N/A
		Comments: No issues were noted.	

Active Audits

Audit Area	Risk Rating	Scope	Target Completion
N/A			

Other Audit Related Activity

Area	Risk Rating	Subject/Project	Description
N/A			

Risk Rating Levels:

High: Requires Immediate attention and remediation.

Moderate (Mod.): Requires near-term attention.

Low: Improvements possible but does not require attention in immediate or near-term.

Composition of Audit Committee at end of reporting year (R.C. 5505.111)

Tpr Brice Nihiser, Representative for Active Members, Chair

Sgt. Jeremy Mendenhall, Representative for Active Members, Vice-Chair

Tpr. Cynitha Wilt, Representative for Active Members

Sgt (ret.) Michael Kasler, Representative for Retirees

Col. Richard Fambro, Statutory Representative