

# COLUMBIA COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION

Please take notice that there will be a regular meeting of the Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation and its Committees to be held in person on February 4, 2025 at 8:30am, at One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301, Hudson, NY 12534 in accordance with Public Officers Law Section 103-a; This meeting is open to the public, who will have the opportunity to attend the meeting in person at the One Hudson City Centre address or via Zoom and provide live comments. Meeting packets are posted and available on the IDA's website:

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Dated: January 28, 2025

Nina Fingar-Smith

Secretary, Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation

## CRC Audit Committee Meeting Agenda

### Members:

Nina Fingar-Smith	Brian Keeler	Sarah Sterling
Bob Galluscio	Helen Kozel	
William Gerlach	Carmine Pierro	

1. 2024 Audit Engagement Letter\*
2. Consent Agenda\*
  - a. Minutes, March 11, 2024
  - b. Audit Committee Charter
  - c. 2024 Committee Evaluation
  - d. 2024 Discharged Duties
3. Public Comment

### Attachments:

2024 Audit Engagement Letter

Draft March 11, 2024 minutes

Audit Committee Charter

2024 Committee Evaluation

2024 Discharged Duties

- \* Requires Approval

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Mr. F. Michael Tucker  
President and CEO  
and  
Mr. Carmine Pierro  
Chairman of the Audit Committee

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Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation  
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Dear Mr. Tucker and Mr. Pierro:

The following represents our understanding of the services we will provide Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation (a component unit of the County of Columbia, New York).

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation, comprised of the statement of net position as of December 31, 2024, and the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ending and the related notes, which collectively comprise Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAP,) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) require that management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAS). These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by U.S. GAAP. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis

### **Auditor Responsibilities**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and *Governmental Auditing Standards*. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of controls.
- Obtain an understanding of the system of internal control in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

We have identified the following significant risk of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

- Management override of controls

As of the date of this letter, we have not completed our planning procedures. Therefore, we may identify additional significant risks during our completion of planning. Should we identify additional significant risks we will communicate those risks to you at a later date.

### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and

agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

### **Management Responsibilities**

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a. For the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- b. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of the system of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements; and
- c. To provide us with:
  - i. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters;
  - ii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit;
  - iii. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity and others from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - iv. A written acknowledgement of all the documents that management expects to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report; and
  - v. A final version of the annual report (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditor's report.
- d. For including the auditor's report in any document containing basic financial statements that indicates that such basic financial statements have been audited by us;
- e. For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities;
- f. For adjusting the basic financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole; and
- g. For acceptance of non-attest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee non-attest work;
- h. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;
- i. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in the system of internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials; and
- j. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited basic

financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited basic financial statements, to make the audited basic financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

### **Non-attest Services**

With respect to any non-attest services we perform including: preparation of the Corporation's financial statements and preparation of the Corporation's form 1099s, we will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation in performing its responsibilities.

*Government Auditing Standards* require that we document an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and experience of management, should we participate in any form of preparation of the basic financial statements and related schedules or disclosures as these actions are deemed a non-audit service.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services, preparation of the Corporation's form 1099s, and any other non-attest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skills, knowledge, and/or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them. It is your responsibility to maintain original data and records as well as information produced by information systems. We cannot accept and have no responsibility to maintain any of your data, records, or information. F. Michael Tucker will be the management representative responsible for overseeing our non-attest services.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the engagement are as follows:

- This engagement is limited to the financial statement preparation services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries.

### **Reporting**

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the governing body of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or

have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our audit testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no opinion will be expressed.

**Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the basic financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Regarding the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your Internet website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Professional standards prohibit us from being the sole host and/or the sole storage for your financial and non-financial data. As such, it is your responsibility to maintain your original data and records and we cannot be responsible to maintain such original information. By signing this engagement letter, you affirm that you have all the data and records required to make your books and records complete.

**Provisions of Engagement Administration, Timing and Fees**

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

The timing of our audit will be scheduled for performance and completion as follows:

	<i>Begin</i>	<i>Complete</i>
Document internal control and preliminary tests	January 2025	January 2025
Mail confirmations	N/A	January 2025
Perform year-end audit procedures	January 2025	February 2025

Audit committee meeting	N/A	March 2025
Board meeting	N/A	March 2025
Issue audit report	N/A	March 31, 2025

Nicole Overbaugh is the engagement principal for the audit services specified in this letter. Her responsibilities include supervising UHY LLP's services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report. Matthew VanDerbeck will serve as the relationship partner.

Our fees are based on the amount of time required at various levels of responsibility, plus actual out-of-pocket expenses. Invoices will be rendered as work progresses and are payable upon presentation. We estimate that our fee for the audit will be \$3,200. We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit. Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

From time to time, both during and after the conclusion of our engagement, we may be required to respond to subpoenas or other requests for documents, testimony or court appearances, or to otherwise take actions under compulsion of law or legal process, relating to you and/or the work we have undertaken for you as identified and described herein. In any such instance, you will be and remain responsible to compensate us for our time expended, and to reimburse us for our costs and disbursements (including attorney's fees) incurred, in complying with any such legal requirements, all in the manner described in the preceding paragraph that addresses billing and payment.

During the course of the audit we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the basic financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to the Corporation's Board of Directors the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;

- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of UHY LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to Columbia County and/or New York State pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of UHY LLP's personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to New York State. The New York State Comptroller may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

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This engagement letter and all services rendered hereunder shall be governed, construed, and enforced by the laws of the State of New York, without the need to resort to principles of conflicts of laws. New York law shall apply to any legal or equitable proceeding that shall be instituted in any way arising out of this engagement letter, any obligations contained or allegedly contained herein, and all services rendered touching or relating in any way to the obligations of this engagement letter. All parties to this engagement consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in New York and, more particularly, the state court located in Albany County, New York and the federal court located in the Northern District of New York.



In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we have attached a copy of our latest peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the basic financial statements including our respective responsibilities.

For the purposes of this engagement letter (and other letters of correspondence), transmitted copies (reproduced documents that are transmitted via photocopy, facsimile, or process that accurately transmits the original) are considered documents equivalent to original documents. Signatures transmitted and received via facsimile, pdf format, e-mail, or an electronic signature platform will be treated for all purposes of this engagement letter (and other letters of correspondence) as original signatures and will be deemed valid, binding, and enforceable by and against all parties.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,

*UHY LLP*

Nicole Overbaugh, CPA  
Principal  
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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding.

**Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation**

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation by:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Title: President and CEO

Date: 1-16-20

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Chairman of the Audit Committee

Date: Charmine R. Russo

## 2023 Peer Review Report

We are pleased to provide a copy of UHY LLP's most recent peer review report dated November 29, 2023 as well as the related letter from the Chair of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' National Peer Review Committee notifying us that the Committee accepted our peer review report on February 15, 2024. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies), or fail. UHY LLP received a peer review report rating of pass – the best possible outcome.

Peer reviews are conducted on a triennial basis and are performed on the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice applicable to non-SEC issuers. Our next peer review will be due on January 31, 2027.

A peer review is conducted by qualified CPAs from an outside CPA firm. These peer reviewers select engagements that are representative of the reviewed firm's non-SEC practice. Their selections consider the various industries served by the firm, the partners serving those industries and must include all levels of attest service – audits, reviews, compilations, agreed-upon procedures engagements, SOC 1 and SOC 2 engagements, and other attestation services.

In addition to the numerous engagement files reviewed in detail, the peer reviewers inspect other areas of our non-SEC practice including client acceptance and retention, independence, CPE compliance, licensing and professional membership, and our staff and partner resources related to recruiting, hiring, assignments, education and training, and continuing professional education.

We are proud of our record of commitment to quality and pledge to continue in our dedication to the highest level of service.

*UHY* LLP



National Peer  
Review Committee

February 15, 2024

Cynthia Scheuer  
UHY LLP  
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Dear Cynthia Scheuer:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on February 15, 2024, the National Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is January 31, 2027. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity. Since your due date falls between January and April, you can arrange to have your review a few months earlier to avoid having a review during tax season.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Wagner".

Michael Wagner  
Chair, National PRC

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cc: Candace Wright, Betina Dufault

Firm Number: 900003882951

Review Number: 605271

## Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

November 29, 2023

To the Partners of UHY LLP  
and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of UHY LLP (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection, in effect for the year ended July 31, 2023. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a system review as described in the Standards may be found at [www.aicpa.org/prsummary](http://www.aicpa.org/prsummary). The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported on in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

### Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act; audits of employee benefit plans; an audit performed under FDICIA; and examinations of service organizations (SOC 1 and SOC 2 engagements).

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of UHY LLP applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection, in effect for the year ended July 31, 2023, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. UHY LLP has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

*EisnerAmper LLP*

EISNERAMPER LLP  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



# COLUMBIA COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION

## MINUTES DRAFT COLUMBIA COUNTY Capital Resource Corporation Audit Committee Monday, March 11, 2024

The regular meeting of Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation Board’s Audit Committee, in person on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Sarah Sterling, Vice-Chair.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nina Fingar-Smith	Secretary	Absent	
Robert Galluscio	Treasurer	Present in person	
William Gerlach	Board Member	Present in person	
Brian Keeler	Board Member	Present in person	8:31am
Carmine Pierro	Chair	Absent	
Rick Rector	Board Member	Present in person	
Sarah Sterling	Vice-Chair	Present in person	
Andrew Howard	Counsel	Present in person	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present in person	
Chris Brown	Housing Development Coordinator	Present in person	
Martha Lane	Business Development Director	Present in person	
Stephen VanDenburgh	Business Development Specialist	Present in person	
Lisa Draushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present in person	
Cat Lyden	Bookkeeper	Absent	
Riley Werner	Administrative Assistant	Present in person	

**Minutes, February 6, 2024:**

*Mr. Gerlach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galluscio to approve the Audit Committee minutes from February 6, 2024. Carried.*

**2023 CRC Audited Financials and Related Correspondences:**

*Mr. Galluscio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerlach to approve the audited financials and related documents as presented. Carried.*

**Public Comment**

*With no public present and no public comments presented, Mr. Galluscio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rector. The meeting adjourned at 8:32am*

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk*

Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation  
AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

This Audit Committee Charter was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation established under the laws of the State of New York, on this 2nd day of February 2018.

**Purpose:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Corporation's bylaws, the purpose of the audit committee shall be to:

- (1) assure that the Corporation's board fulfills its responsibilities for the corporation's internal and external audit process, the financial reporting process and the system of risk assessment and internal controls over financial reporting; and
- (2) provide an avenue of communication between management, the independent auditors, the internal auditors, and the board of directors.

**Powers of the Audit Committee:**

It shall be the responsibility of the audit committee to:

- Appoint, compensate, and oversee the work of any public accounting firm employed by the corporation.
- Conduct or authorize investigations into any matters within its scope of responsibility.
- Seek any information it requires from corporate employees, all of whom should be directed by the board to cooperate with committee requests.
- Meet with corporation staff, independent auditors or outside counsel, as necessary.
- Retain, at the corporation's expense, such outside counsel, experts and other advisors as the audit committee may deem appropriate.

The Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation board will ensure that the audit committee has sufficient resources to carry out its duties.

**Composition of Committee and Selection of Members:**

The audit committee shall be established as set forth in and pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Corporation's by-laws. The audit committee shall consist entirely of members of the board of directors who are independent of corporate operations. The Corporation's board will appoint the audit committee members and the audit committee chair.

Audit committee members shall be prohibited from being an employee of the corporation or an immediate family member of an employee of the corporation. In addition, audit committee members shall not engage in any private business transactions with the corporation or receive compensation from any private entity that has material business relationships with the Corporation, or be an immediate family member of an individual that engages in private business transactions with the corporation or receives compensation from an entity that has material business relationships with the corporation.

Ideally, all members on the audit committee shall possess or obtain a basic understanding of governmental financial reporting and auditing.

The audit committee shall have access to the services of at least one financial expert; whose name shall be disclosed in the annual report of the corporation.

The audit committee's financial expert should have: 1) an understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial statements; 2) experience in preparing or auditing financial statements of comparable entities; 3) experience in applying such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and reserves; 4) experience with internal accounting controls and, 5) an understanding of audit committee functions.

### **Meetings:**

The audit committee will meet a minimum of twice a year, with the expectation that additional meetings may be required to adequately fulfill all the obligations and duties outlined in the charter. Members of the audit committee are expected to attend each committee meeting, in person. The audit committee may invite other individuals, such as members of management, auditors or other technical experts to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, as necessary.

The audit committee will meet with the corporation's independent auditor at least annually to discuss the financial statements of the corporation.

Meeting agendas will be prepared for every meeting and provided to the audit committee members along with briefing materials 5 business days before the scheduled audit committee meeting. The audit committee will act only on the affirmative vote of a majority of the members at a meeting or by unanimous consent. Minutes of these meetings will be recorded.

### **Responsibilities :**

The audit committee shall have responsibilities related to: (a) the independent auditor and annual financial statements; (b) the Corporation's internal auditors; (c) oversight of management's internal controls, compliance and risk assessment practices; (d) special investigations and whistleblower policies; and (e) miscellaneous issues related to the financial practices of the Corporation.

#### **A. Independent Auditors and Financial Statements**

The audit committee shall:

- Appoint, compensate and oversee independent auditors retained by the corporation and pre-approve all audit services provided by the independent auditor.
- Establish procedures for the engagement of the independent auditor to provide permitted audit services. The corporation's independent auditor shall be prohibited from providing non-audit services unless having received previous written approval from the audit committee. Non-audit services include tasks that directly support the corporation's operations, such as bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the corporation, financial information systems design and implementation, appraisal or valuation services, actuarial services, investment banking services, and other tasks that may involve performing management functions or making management decisions.
- Review and approve the corporation's audited financial statements, associated management letter, report on internal controls and all other auditor communications.
- Review significant accounting and reporting issues, including complex or unusual transactions and management decisions, and recent professional and regulatory pronouncements, and understand their impact on the financial statements.



- Meet with the independent audit firm on a regular basis to discuss any significant issues that may have surfaced during the course of the audit.

- Review and discuss any significant risks reported in the independent audit findings and recommendations and assess the responsiveness and timeliness of management's follow-up activities pertaining to the same.

## **B. Internal Auditors**

The audit committee shall:

- Review with management and the internal audit director, the charter, activities, staffing and organizational structure of the internal audit function. The audit committee shall have authority over the appointment, dismissal, compensation and performance reviews of the internal audit director.

- Ensure that the internal audit function is organizationally independent from corporate operations.

- Review the reports of internal auditors, and have authority to review and approve the annual internal audit plan.

- Review the results of internal audits and approve procedures for implementing accepted recommendations of the internal auditor

## **C. Internal Controls, Compliance and Risk Assessment**

The audit committee shall:

- Review management's assessment of the effectiveness of the corporation's internal controls and review the report on internal controls by the independent auditor as a part of the financial audit engagement.

## **D. Special Investigations**

The audit committee shall:

- Ensure that the corporation has an appropriate confidential mechanism for individuals to report suspected fraudulent activities, allegations of corruption, fraud, criminal activity, conflicts of interest or abuse by the directors, officers, or employees of the corporation or any persons having business dealings with the corporation or breaches of internal control.

- Develop procedures for the receipt, retention, investigation and/or referral of complaints concerning accounting, internal controls and auditing to the appropriate body.

- Request and oversee special investigations as needed and/or refer specific issues to the appropriate body for further investigation (for example, issues may be referred to the State Inspector General or, other investigatory organization.)

- Review all reports delivered to it by the Inspector General and serve as a point of contact with the Inspector General.

## **E. Other Responsibilities of the Audit Committee**

The audit committee shall:

- Present annually to the corporation's board a written report of how it has discharged its duties and met its responsibilities as outlined in the charter.

- Obtain any information and training needed to enhance the committee members' understanding of the role of internal audits and the independent auditor, the risk management process, internal controls and a certain level of familiarity in financial reporting standards and processes.
- Review the committee's charter annually, reassess its adequacy, and recommend any proposed changes to the board of the corporation. The audit committee charter will be updated as applicable laws, regulations, accounting and auditing standards change.
- Conduct an annual self-evaluation of its performance, including its effectiveness and compliance with the charter and request the board approval for proposed changes.

Reviewed and re-affirmed February 2, 2018

2024 Summary Confid Board Eval of the CRC Audit Committee Performance				
Criteria		Somewhat	Somewhat	
	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Disagree
The Committee members meet applicable independence requirements.	7			
The Committee reviews and approves its charter and its policies and procedures, and recommends any changes to the board for approval, at least annually.	7			
Discusses guidelines and policies governing the processes used to address and manage risk exposure.	7			
Reports proceedings, findings and recommendations to the Board after each Committee meeting.	7			
Agendas and related information are circulated in advance of meetings allowing the Committee sufficient time to review information.	7			
The Committee monitors managements assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as well as deficiencies and remedies.	7			
The Committee reviews the management recommendation from the independent auditor and monitors the process to determine all significant matters are addressed.	7			
The Committee oversees the role of the independent auditor from selection to termination and has an effective process to evaluate qualifications and performance.	7			
Reviews results of the work of the independent auditor.	7			
The Committee members have the opportunity to speak with and ask questions of any Committee advisors that attend Committee meetings.	7			
The Committee conducts a self-evaluation at least annually	7			

## Columbia County Capital Resource Corporation

### 2024 Discharged Duties

#### Audit Committee:

- Reviewed and recommended approval by the full board: Internal Controls Statement and 2023 Audited Financials and audit related correspondence
- Reviewed and approved Committee Charter, 2023 Discharged Duties, 2023 Committee Evaluation.
- Reviewed and recommended the 2024 Audit engagement letter

#### Finance Committee:

- Reviewed and recommended approval by the full board: semi-annual financial reports and 2025 budget.
- Reviewed and approved Committee Charter, 2023 Discharged Duties, 2023 Committee Evaluation.
- Reviewed and recommended the 2023 Investment Report.

#### Governance Committee:

- Reviewed and recommended for full board approval: Compliance Calendar,
- Reviewed and approved Committee Charter, 2023 Discharge of Duties, 2023 Committee evaluation, revised 2024 meeting schedule

#### Full Board:

- Reviewed and approved appointment of: Officers, Corporate Attorney, Corporation Accountants, Administrative Officer and staff, committee members, ethic and procurement officers.
- Reviewed and approved: 2024 meeting schedule, corporate policies and procedure, banks and financial accounts, 2024 compliance calendar, 2023 Investment Report, 2023 internal controls statement, 2023 Committee discharged duties, 2023 Operations and accomplishments, 2023 performance measures report, 2024 mission and measurements goals statement, 2023 audited financials, 2023 Board evaluation, Committee charters and the 2025 budget and meeting schedule.
- Approved 2023 Audit engagement letter.
- Reviewed Treasurers reports 2024.

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