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1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

2 MR. ROBERT MAYERSOHN  
MS. PHYLLIS SHAW  
3 MR. ANTHONY DE MEO, CPA  
MS. DEBRA HIXON, School Board Chair

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5 DISTRICT STAFF:

6 MR. DAVE RHODES, Chief Auditor  
MS. JENNIFER ANDREU, Executive Director, Operations,  
7 Procurement & Warehousing Services  
MR. JOHN WHITE, Director, Procurement & Logistic  
8 Operations  
MS. BELINDA DEFOOR, Purchasing Agent III

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10 INVITED GUESTS:

11 MR. TIM BASS, Court Reporter, United Reporting  
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1 Thereupon, the following proceedings were had:

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3 MS. HIXON: Good morning, everybody. I think  
4 everybody is here, so I think we can get started.  
5 So if you all will have a seat and I will call  
6 the meeting to order.

7 Will all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?  
8 (Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

9 MS. HIXON: Mr. Rhodes, do you want to do the  
10 roll call?

11 MR. RHODES: Sure. So for this special  
12 selection committee meeting the following names  
13 I'll call and you let us know whether you're  
14 here.

15 Mrs. Hixon?

16 MS. HIXON: Here.

17 MR. RHODES: Mr. Medvin?

18 MR. MEDVIN: Here.

19 MR. RHODES: Mr. Mayersohn?

20 MR. MAYERSOHN: Here.

21 MR. RHODES: Mr. De Meo?

22 MR. DE MEO: Here.

23 MR. RHODES: Okay. So they're all here.

24 MS. HIXON: Great. Next, approval of the  
25 agenda. Do we need a motion?

1 MR. MAYERSOHN: So I will approve it, but  
2 didn't we have minutes that we couldn't approve  
3 the last time? Didn't we have minutes from our  
4 previous meeting at an audit committee meeting?

5 MR. RHODES: I'm going to have to defer. Do  
6 we have those minutes today?

7 MR. MAYERSOHN: They're not on the agenda,  
8 they're not in the packet, but I remember --  
9 because, remember, we talked about that we were  
10 going to approve, and I forgot what meeting it  
11 was, and we said we can't approve those minutes  
12 because it's not part of the audit committee  
13 meeting, it's a separate meeting. So we had  
14 them.

15 Mr. Bass is confirming and he is nodding his  
16 head.

17 MR. RHODES: This is only the second meeting  
18 and I don't know whether this body has gotten  
19 together with the chair to where we would have  
20 been able to approve the minutes.

21 MR. MAYERSOHN: No, that's what I'm saying.  
22 We had -- the minutes were posted in one of our  
23 audit committee meetings, but because we weren't  
24 in the selection committee we deferred them to  
25 our next meeting, which would be this meeting.

1 So they're not part of the packet.

2 MR. RHODES: Okay. So let me find -- let me  
3 ask to get those pulled from the meeting that  
4 they were a part of. Do we recall whether or not  
5 anybody had any issue with those minutes?

6 MR. MAYERSOHN: I don't think anybody had any  
7 issues with those minutes.

8 MR. RHODES: Okay. Let me see if we can get  
9 those pulled up onto the screen and we can at  
10 least make sure that we can scroll through that  
11 real quick and see if there's anybody who had any  
12 --

13 MR. MAYERSOHN: So I would approve the agenda  
14 adding the amendment that we can at least approve  
15 those minutes.

16 MR. RHODES: Okay. So in pointing out the  
17 consistency of what we tried to do, we put out  
18 the meeting minutes with the packet from the last  
19 one as you're saying and we, generally, once  
20 we've provided that either in hard copy or  
21 electronically we don't continue to include those  
22 except, like, for example, you can see the links  
23 are now live as well on this agenda, for item  
24 number 5, but we do have those available to put  
25 on the screen if anybody needs to review any of

1 the statutory language or the guidance that we  
2 would be looking at.

3 So if you look behind you there on the board  
4 now, that's the nominating subcommittee, that's  
5 not the actual -- we had three meetings that day.  
6 We're looking for the selection. Okay.

7 So, again, we have this here if anybody wants  
8 us to scroll this. Otherwise, if you've looked  
9 at it and were prepared to approve them at the  
10 last meeting when we couldn't, we could certainly  
11 do that now.

12 MR. MAYERSOHN: Yeah, if he can just add it  
13 to the agenda? This way, if somebody comes back  
14 and says you never approved minutes or it wasn't  
15 on the agenda --

16 MR. RHODES: We'll add it to the agenda and  
17 also the transcripts will reflect it.

18 MS. HIXON: Can I have a motion and a second  
19 to approve the minutes?

20 MR. MAYERSOHN: I'll motion to approve the  
21 minutes.

22 MR. MEDVIN: I'll second.

23 MS. HIXON: All those in favor of approving  
24 the minutes say aye.

25 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MS. HIXON: Any opposed say, no.

2 (No response.)

3 MS. HIXON: Minutes are approved unanimously.

4 And so then we also -- we need a motion and a  
5 second to approve the agenda now; right?

6 MR. RHODES: I think he made that motion with  
7 that.

8 MS. HIXON: We didn't have a second.

9 MR. MAYERSOHN: I'll second my motion.

10 MR. DE MEO: You can't do that.

11 MS. HIXON: No.

12 MR. MAYERSOHN: Mr. Medvin will.

13 MR. MEDVIN: Sure.

14 MS. HIXON: Okay. So a motion and a second  
15 to approve the agenda. All those in favor of  
16 approving the agenda as amended say aye.

17 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MS. HIXON: Any opposed say no.

19 (No response.)

20 MS. HIXON: The motion passes unanimously.

21 Next up we have public speakers. Do we have  
22 any public speakers today?

23 MR. RHODES: No, Madam Chair.

24 MS. HIXON: Next we have the overview of the  
25 selection process. So I'm going to turn this

1 over to Mr. Rhodes to kind of guide us through  
2 what we need to do.

3 MR. RHODES: Okay.

4 MS. HIXON: Mr. Rhodes?

5 MR. RHODES: So with regard to the new RFQ  
6 that we're looking at, I spoke with Belinda  
7 Defoor from Purchasing and she advised me in  
8 passing this information onto the committee that  
9 the prior contract was used as go-by and a lot of  
10 the areas that this committee is supposed to look  
11 at -- Bryan, can you bring up the statute just  
12 for quick reference on the screen from that prior  
13 selection committee meeting? 218.391?

14 Okay. So in this statute what it shows is  
15 where the components of the RFQ are concerned  
16 with regard to qualifications, scoring,  
17 selection, award, that those are some of the  
18 components that are supposed to be in here. I'm  
19 only recommending that since we have the subject  
20 matter experts in the room that we would be able  
21 to review the current proposed RFQ so that if  
22 there is any specific tweaks or additional  
23 information that you guys want to do with regard  
24 to the role and responsibility of this committee  
25 statutorily to make sure that the RFQ document

1 reads the way that you want it to read, we can go  
2 through that and look at it. Have you all had  
3 the opportunity to review that document?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RHODES: And do you have any areas of  
6 concern or tweaks that you would like to refer to  
7 and discuss in this meeting so that we can  
8 provide some additional guidance to the folks in  
9 Procurement to update that?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RHODES: Okay. So the document itself,  
12 again, going back to my conversation that I had  
13 with Belinda Defoor was that items that are  
14 highlighted in blue in the document -- would you  
15 like me to pull up that RFQ now?

16 Okay. So can we pull up the RFQ that's  
17 listed on today's agenda?

18 I want to scroll through it briefly to  
19 identify that there are some areas that are  
20 highlighted in yellow which are items that are  
21 the responsibility of the Procurement team. And  
22 then there are some areas that are underlined or  
23 highlighted in blue that are areas for review  
24 and/or discussions for this committee.

25 So we're looking at -- you can go ahead and

1 slowly scroll through that, Bryan, if anybody  
2 wants to stop and review anything at any time?  
3 We have due dates and all that stuff. I think  
4 Procurement is going to be the one who provides  
5 that to get us on the timeline because the  
6 current contract that we were able to get  
7 approved through the partial novation agreement  
8 that put Forvis Mazars in that place for MSL.  
9 That gets us through November of 2026. This  
10 gives us plenty of lead time to be able to have  
11 this selection in place and ready to be approved  
12 by the board so that those services won't be  
13 disrupted at all.

14 So scroll a little bit more.

15 Belinda, can you provide for us where the  
16 areas are in the documents that were highlighted  
17 or underlined in blue so that we can identify the  
18 areas of interest for the group.

19 MS. DEFOOR: The first one is 3.1.

20 MR. RHODES: 3.1?

21 MS. DEFOOR: It's page 10.

22 MR. RHODES: Page 10?

23 Okay. So here we start. So there's some  
24 information that we need in regards to the dollar  
25 value that would have to be input where those

1 three X's are. This is something that, if it's  
2 the committee's pleasure, I can certainly gather  
3 that information from staff to find out what that  
4 exact amount would be in terms of the number of  
5 billions of dollars that are annually in the  
6 annual operating budget.

7 Would you prefer that I provide that  
8 information?

9 MR. MAYERSOHN: I would because I don't know  
10 what it is.

11 MR. RHODES: Okay. Okay.

12 And then, Bryan, can you make it a little bit  
13 bigger?

14 And then the annual financial report can be  
15 found -- I know now we call that the ACFR. In  
16 any other documents are we referring -- still  
17 referring to it in the RFP/RFQ as the CAFR or the  
18 ACFR?

19 MS. ANDREU: Whatever Ms. Johnson tells us.

20 MR. RHODES: Madam Chair, would you like to  
21 have procurement talk to Ms. Johnson to find out  
22 if that reference to the CAFR should be changed  
23 to the ACFR in this document?

24 MS. HIXON: Yeah.

25 MR. RHODES: Mr. De Meo?

1 MR. DE MEO: So is this for three years?

2 This is an extension for three years?

3 MR. RHODES: No. Let me explain. So the  
4 current contract, when there was an assignment of  
5 this company, Forvis Mazars, we got that resolved  
6 so that they could take over the remainder of  
7 that contract.

8 MR. DE MEO: Right.

9 MR. RHODES: That contract expires on  
10 November 30th of 2026. So this process is now --  
11 because we were looking at this as a way that we  
12 might try to backfill not having MSL, but now  
13 that we've gotten that other contract taken care  
14 of, this is now going to be the RFQ that would be  
15 effective December 1st of 2026. This will give a  
16 lot of lead time for the folks in Procurement to  
17 be able to get this --these services solicited  
18 and for this committee to reconvene when the time  
19 is right to do the evaluations and then  
20 ultimately make the selection.

21 MR. DE MEO: So we're not -- the contract  
22 with MSL expires when?

23 MR. RHODES: November -- well, it's  
24 essentially, not expired, it's been reassigned  
25 and the reassigned version of that contract

1 expires on November 30th, 2026.

2 MR. DE MEO: Okay. So why are we -- why are  
3 we issuing a request?

4 MR. RHODES: Because we started this process  
5 not knowing that the partial novation agreement  
6 would be able to be done and be approved.

7 Because prior to that, Procurement and General  
8 Counsel's office had opined that that was not  
9 going to be possible. In the meeting with this  
10 group there was a different set of facts and  
11 circumstances provided at which point they came  
12 up with another opportunity for us to be able to  
13 assign that contract.

14 MR. DE MEO: Mm-hmm.

15 MR. RHODES: But we had already started this  
16 process. And this process can take anywhere from  
17 six to nine months. So if we're looking at right  
18 now being about a year out from that, we could  
19 have this set up and in advance set the date for  
20 the ultimate evaluation and selection of the firm  
21 giving it time to go to the board and having it  
22 ready to go to the board about the time that it  
23 would be needed.

24 MR. DE MEO: For the next contract?

25 MR. RHODES: For the next contract; yeah.

1 MR. DE MEO: Okay. And -- okay. So then I  
2 would like to go over the scoring, if you could  
3 focus on that just briefly, and how do we  
4 determine -- I think the statute says we're  
5 supposed to select the most qualified. So I'd  
6 like to know how we determine what is the most  
7 qualified.

8 MR. RHODES: And that is essentially the  
9 purpose of this selection committee being put  
10 together, to make sure that whether it's the  
11 qualification of the group, whether it's the  
12 approach that you might look at that the group  
13 takes, whether it is the selection and evaluation  
14 criteria that you're going to have and the  
15 scoring that's going to lead to the overall  
16 selection, those are the components that we're  
17 here to kind of flesh out.

18 MR. DE MEO: Okay.

19 MR. RHODES: So, if we could, the first  
20 question was to go and take a look at the portion  
21 of this that has to do with scoring.

22 For quick reference, Ms. Defoor, can you tell  
23 us what page number we would look at for that?

24 MS. DEFOOR: Page 23.

25 MR. RHODES: Okay. And also I would be more

1 than happy to turn it over to the Procurement  
2 group if they want to walk us through the various  
3 components that we would be looking at from  
4 establishing a scope, which I think has already  
5 been done by using the prior contract as a model,  
6 through the different components that this group  
7 is ultimately tasked with trying to ensure that  
8 it's incorporated into this solicitation  
9 document.

10 If that's okay with you, Ms. Defoor, can I  
11 turn it over to you?

12 Okay. We'll go through it that way. Thank  
13 you.

14 MS. DEFOOR: Okay. The first category that  
15 is scored -- the first category that's scored is  
16 the Proposer's Experience and Qualifications. I  
17 have set the maximum amount of points to what the  
18 previous RFP stated at 30 points. And there is  
19 another section up above this that tells you  
20 exactly every bullet point that is included in  
21 the Proposer's Experience and Qualifications and  
22 we can go over that.

23 MR. RHODES: Can you tell what page that is?  
24 We can go through that and then come back to each  
25 of these areas and look at them one at a time; if

1 that would be okay?

2 MS. DEFOOR: 16.

3 MR. RHODES: 15?

4 MS. DEFOOR: Okay. Is everyone there?

5 Okay. The first thing that we look at is  
6 whether or not -- well, actually, it's the  
7 committee that scores the first item and they  
8 look at the executive summary that's submitted,  
9 audit proposal, the approach and methodology, the  
10 company's profile, type of business entity,  
11 corporate status, external quality control review  
12 reports, office location, offices in the State of  
13 Florida, total accounts, complete audits, and  
14 then there's also -- 4.3.1.13 also talks about  
15 audits, auditing team is also listed,  
16 disciplinary action, their references, and their  
17 litigation.

18 MR. RHODES: And if I could jump in just for  
19 a second. I may have missed it when you were  
20 going through that list of items, was one of  
21 those items experience in similar size and scope  
22 of government entities?

23 MS. DEFOOR: Yes, 4.3.1.12 they have to list  
24 a minimum of three current or recently completed  
25 audits and show their best -- illustrate their

1 experience.

2 MR. RHODES: Okay. So does that sufficiently  
3 get us through this area where everyone's  
4 concerned?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RHODES: Okay. Bryan, if you can go back  
7 to the page you were on that had the different --

8 Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Mayersohn?

9 MR. MAYERSOHN: So just as, again,  
10 hypothetical, let's say somebody submits a bid  
11 but they don't have -- they only let's say did  
12 one Florida school district audit, not three of  
13 them, but the committee looks and says, they seem  
14 highly qualified, would we then have to reject  
15 that bid because they don't meet that criteria or  
16 we have judgment based upon that criteria on  
17 points?

18 MR. RHODES: I'll leave that to the  
19 Procurement officials to respond.

20 MS. DEFOOR: We could waive that.

21 MR. MAYERSOHN: You said you could waive it?

22 MS. DEFOOR: Yes.

23 MR. MAYERSOHN: Well, I'd like to include it.  
24 But, again, if somebody submits and we as a group  
25 say this seems to be the best auditing firm, but

1 they haven't met the criteria, I mean, obviously,  
2 our point judgment may be based upon that, but it  
3 wouldn't necessarily exempt or it wouldn't  
4 necessarily prohibit them from submitting a bid?

5 Because I know the board has mentioned a lot  
6 of times that they're not out getting like 25  
7 bids. We're the largest school district in, you  
8 know, or whatever it is. This is very finite in  
9 the number of firms that if we're creating at  
10 least three, we're narrowing the scope even  
11 further, we're narrowing the pool even further.  
12 So I just -- and I defer to the Chair on what her  
13 thoughts might be on this.

14 MS. HIXON: Well, like I said -- I'll get to  
15 you in a second, Ms. Shaw. I sort of agree that  
16 if it stays in there you would score them lower  
17 because they didn't have three, but it wouldn't  
18 necessarily disqualify them, in my opinion.

19 MR. MAYERSOHN: No, I don't want to  
20 disqualify somebody because they haven't met the  
21 criteria that we're asking for, but in that  
22 section, instead of giving them, for argument's  
23 sake wise, 28 points, you may give them 20.  
24 Because we're not necessarily grading each item  
25 point wise. That's subjective.

1 MS. ANDREU: It states now, currently, if I  
2 may Chair, a minimum. So if they do not have at  
3 least three they could be deemed nonresponsive.  
4 So if this is something the committee would like  
5 to change and you know that and you want to just  
6 have one, then we should do that now. Otherwise,  
7 like I said, they could be deemed nonresponsive  
8 and you would not be able to evaluate them or you  
9 would have to then make a motion that we're going  
10 to still evaluate all firms that only had -- do  
11 not meet minimum requirements and only submitted,  
12 say, one. That would have to be a motion from  
13 the committee that you're going to waive this  
14 4.3.1.12 and then, again, evaluate everybody  
15 accordingly. But it would be much cleaner to  
16 state the wishes of the committee, now, before we  
17 actually advertise the solicitation.

18 MS. HIXON: Ms. Shaw?

19 MS. SHAW: Good morning everyone. I don't  
20 believe we should change it from the three. I  
21 think this is a critical, a very critical job.  
22 For any audit firm that's coming in they need to  
23 have the experience. As a large district as we  
24 are we need the folks that are coming in to audit  
25 all aspects of what we do to be able to have

1 sufficient experience. And someone with one  
2 year, it could be a very small district, and now  
3 we're saying to them come in and audit our large  
4 district. So I believe we should keep it at the  
5 three and leave it at the three. Actually, I  
6 think three is a little low, but that's just  
7 because -- that's just personal.

8 MS. HIXON: Mr. Medvin?

9 MR. MEDVIN: I think the practicality has to  
10 come into play here. I mean historically I  
11 remember several times going over this  
12 conversation over the years when it was a hard  
13 time finding more than one or two firms that were  
14 willing to handle this particular type of audit.  
15 It's very specialized and a lot of firms, the  
16 larger ones especially, don't want to get  
17 involved with this type of audit. So if we put  
18 too many restrictions on here we may be, you  
19 know, putting ourselves in the position where  
20 nobody is qualified based upon what we're asking  
21 for. So I think we really have to have that  
22 flexibility once the actual request goes out and  
23 the bids come in, because I think we're going to  
24 find that there will be a limited amount of bids  
25 coming.

1 MS. HIXON: Mr. De Meo?

2 MR. DE MEO: Ms. Shaw has a very good point,  
3 so does Bob and Andrew. The problem is we've had  
4 trouble finding qualified firms because this is a  
5 very narrow segment of what CPAs do. A lot of  
6 firms don't want to be involved.

7 So I would say maybe -- my understanding is  
8 that an audit of school districts anywhere in the  
9 country is similar. So I would raise -- I would  
10 eliminate or I would suggest we eliminate the  
11 Florida school districts or say Florida school  
12 districts and other school districts. And then  
13 if we need an exception, I guess we could write  
14 language in there in the case where -- you know,  
15 language that would allow us to consider firms  
16 that don't meet the criteria if no one applies  
17 meeting the criteria without having to reissue  
18 the request. That doesn't seem to make a lot of  
19 sense. So that would be one suggestion.

20 The other is, is this -- is this for three  
21 years including the year the auditor general  
22 performs an audit? So we intend to have an audit  
23 in the year in which the auditor general also  
24 performs an audit?

25 MR. RHODES: I intended to address this at

1 the audit committee but I think it's a good time  
2 to address it now. When we met last time I  
3 misunderstood a question that Mr. De Meo had  
4 supposed. Despite his several times and attempts  
5 to break me out of my stupor.

6 The auditor general, every three years they  
7 do this financial portion of the audit, whereas  
8 in that same period the single audit is  
9 removed -- I'm sorry, the external financial  
10 auditor does the audit even on that third year  
11 for the inspector general. The only part that we  
12 don't have to worry about doing is the single  
13 audit portion during that third year. So the  
14 financial audits during this three year plus two  
15 one-year renewals would always be done by the  
16 external firm, and then just the single audit  
17 would be done on the years that the auditor  
18 general comes to do their audits.

19 MR. DE MEO: So I would just ask the Chair  
20 and the members of the committee, I think I've  
21 made my position clear, there are many districts  
22 that don't have external auditors perform an  
23 audit in the year in which the auditor general  
24 performs one. Now, that would be a savings of a  
25 couple hundred, \$300,000. I don't recommend it,

1 but I just wanted to point that out in case we  
2 wanted to consider that.

3 MR. RHODES: From a historical standpoint, to  
4 my knowledge, we have always had the external  
5 firms perform those audits. And, also, I do not  
6 know whether or not, for example, in that  
7 three-year cycle if the auditor general would  
8 accept as a part of their scope the  
9 responsibility to do that larger financial audit.

10 MS. HIXON: Ms. Shaw.

11 MS. SHAW: I want to make a point with what  
12 Mr. De Meo said. In terms of Florida firms with  
13 Florida experience, maybe part of that is they  
14 would receive a higher score or an additional  
15 score for those with Florida experience but still  
16 keep the three-year or the three -- the  
17 three-year experience. And so you may get a firm  
18 from Washington, D.C. with only out-of-Florida  
19 experience or we may get the firms in Florida,  
20 then those firms would also get a higher scoring  
21 just to make sure that we're having a combination  
22 of both those outside and those inside.

23 It's going to create lot of work for the  
24 staff if you have a firm outside of Florida who  
25 don't understand Florida statutes, and the amount

1 of work that is going to -- staff is going to be  
2 telling them, no, that's not what Florida statute  
3 says, it's going to be a lot of work for a firm  
4 that is outside of the state. But I believe in  
5 this market right now more and more firms are  
6 combining their resources. We're going to be  
7 able to find a firm to do our audit, to complete  
8 our audit. I don't think one year's  
9 experience -- it could be a firm that is doing  
10 a -- a government that is only very small and now  
11 they're here trying to do the sixth largest  
12 school district in the country. That would be  
13 problematic for us as an organization.

14 So we've got to be mindful. We want to make  
15 it easy, yes, but we also need to be mindful as  
16 an organization who we are, what we do and what  
17 our expectations are, especially what our  
18 expectations are from the community.

19 MS. HIXON: Mr. Mayersohn.

20 MR. MAYERSOHN: So in hearing committee  
21 members I would like to suggest that we do keep  
22 it at the minimum of three recently completed or  
23 completed currently -- currently or recently  
24 completed audits at minimum, but under where it  
25 says Florida school districts we can write

1 preferred. So it still leaves that door open but  
2 that's our preference. Does that make sense?

3 MS. HIXON: Sure. Do we need a motion?

4 MR. RHODES: I think we have some additional  
5 areas to go through. Was the page that had the  
6 four subcomponents listed, Ms. Defoor, was that  
7 on page 15?

8 MS. DEFOOR: 16.

9 MR. RHODES: 16?

10 All right. So we want to scroll down then  
11 through -- help us kind of guide through the  
12 different areas that we want to look at now that  
13 we've gotten past that one.

14 MS. HIXON: I guess my question is, just  
15 because when we're going through like a policy on  
16 the board we have to make a motion on each change  
17 and then we pass it with the amendments. So is  
18 that the same that we do here?

19 MR. RHODES: This is -- we can make that the  
20 process so that we can keep it organized.

21 MS. HIXON: Just so we know that it's all  
22 together. So can I have a motion and a second to  
23 make the change?

24 MR. MAYERSOHN: I motion to make the change  
25 to preferred.

1 MS. HIXON: Right. Anybody second?

2 MS. SHAW: I'll second.

3 MS. HIXON: All right. All those in favor of  
4 the motion say aye.

5 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MS. HIXON: Any opposed say no.

7 (No response.)

8 MS. HIXON: That motion carries.

9 Okay. Next item?

10 MR. RHODES: I'll leave this to Ms. Defoor to  
11 continue to guide the committee through this  
12 process.

13 MS. DEFOOR: Was there any other section  
14 under the Proposer's Experience and  
15 Qualifications that you wish to speak about or  
16 question?

17 MR. DE MEO: Madam Chair?

18 MS. HIXON: Yes, Mr. De Meo.

19 MR. DE MEO: So, first, who -- who determines  
20 or evaluates the methodology? Is it methodology?  
21 Is that one of the components, the big  
22 components? There are four big components. Is  
23 that one of them? In the scoring?

24 MR. MAYERSOHN: So you have Proposer's  
25 Experience and Qualifications, this is on page

1 23. Proposer's Experience and Qualifications,  
2 Scope of Work, Cost of Services, Supplier  
3 Diversity Outreach Program Participation and that  
4 totals 100.

5 MR. DE MEO: Okay. Let me get to that page,  
6 23. Okay. So Scope of Services and Performance  
7 Specifications. All right. I kind of think  
8 that -- I'm thinking that's kind of the  
9 methodology of how they perform the audit. Who  
10 evaluates that?

11 MR. MAYERSOHN: We do.

12 MS. DEFOOR: You do. The committee  
13 membership.

14 MR. DE MEO: We do.

15 MS. DEFOOR: A and B are evaluated by the  
16 committee members.

17 MR. DE MEO: Okay. A and B are committee  
18 members, Cost of Services, okay, and Supplier  
19 Outreach, okay.

20 So can we -- can we look at that section real  
21 quick? The description.

22 MS. DEFOOR: The Scope of Work section?

23 MR. DE MEO: The B, Scope of Services and  
24 Performance.

25 MS. DEFOOR: That starts on page 18.

1 MR. DE MEO: Okay.

2 MS. DEFOOR: 18 and 19 altogether.

3 MR. RHODES: And it was summarized on the  
4 other page that we were looking at earlier. But  
5 is this the area that has the heaviest weight  
6 with regard to the points?

7 MS. DEFOOR: Scope of Work is 35 points as  
8 compared to the 30 points for the Proposer's  
9 Experience and Qualifications; yes.

10 MR. RHODES: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. MAYERSOHN: So --

12 MS. HIXON: Mr. Mayersohn?

13 MR. MAYERSOHN: Were you finished or no?

14 MR. DE MEO: Well, let me just ask a  
15 follow-up. Does the RFP in the questions, in the  
16 list of questions, does it ask about methodology  
17 and -- I think earlier you said that they are  
18 supposed to identify the team; right? Okay. Is  
19 there anywhere -- is a response required anywhere  
20 in this proposal to address, define, explain how  
21 they're going to approach the audit and what  
22 their -- their --

23 MS. DEFOOR: It is in the scope of work. It  
24 should be 4.3.2.1, the very first one.

25 MR. DE MEO: Okay.

1 MS. DEFOOR: We can add to Scope of Work if  
2 you needed a more -- more information.

3 MR. DE MEO: Yeah, I'm thinking in the  
4 processes that I've been involved with, even  
5 though generally accepted auditing standards, the  
6 GAO and government auditing standards require a  
7 pretty uniform approach. I'd still like to have  
8 them describe it and tell us how they're going to  
9 approach it, and how they're going to use  
10 sampling, and what kind of sampling, and, you  
11 know, what do they do about walk-throughs;  
12 anything that would give us some idea about how  
13 they're going to approach the audit. I don't  
14 know if this is the place, Madam Chair, to take a  
15 deep dive on that or if, Mr. Rhodes, you could  
16 kind of formulate something off-line so that we  
17 can save some time or --

18 MR. RHODES: Well, I could, but that's the --  
19 that's the -- per the statute and the reason that  
20 this committee is put together is because that's  
21 the responsibility of committee. So for me to  
22 formulate something, I could formulate --

23 MR. DE MEO: We can approve it, you can  
24 formulate something.

25 MR. RHODES: I can formulate something based

1 on the comments that are made in here and try to  
2 find a way to capture the idea of their  
3 methodology within their approach and then  
4 provide that to the members of this committee for  
5 them to review, give us some tweaks on that, and  
6 then provide that information over to the folks  
7 at PWS so that we can get that in the next  
8 version that we're going to review; if that's the  
9 will of this committee.

10 MR. DE MEO: I think that -- I think that  
11 would be good; yeah.

12 MS. HIXON: Okay. So are you making a  
13 motion? Would you like to make the motion?

14 MR. DE MEO: You want a motion?

15 MS. HIXON: Yeah, I'm trying to be  
16 consistent.

17 MR. DE MEO: I move that we add language to  
18 the proposal requesting a more detailed approach  
19 to the respondent's, did I say methodology?

20 MS. HIXON: Yeah.

21 MR. DE MEO: Approach to their methodology  
22 and audit processes.

23 MS. HIXON: Is there a second?

24 MR. MEDVIN: I second.

25 MS. HIXON: Second. Any discussion?

1 MS. SHAW: So I think my issue with this is,  
2 each audit -- there are standards that the audit  
3 first must comply with in order to complete the  
4 audit. And those standards go beyond, whether  
5 it's Florida statute, whatever the case may be.  
6 However, I think if -- if we're asking Mr. Rhodes  
7 to list some ideas of what our expectations are  
8 and we miss anything, then that falls on us. I  
9 don't think we should do that. I think -- I  
10 don't think we should do that in terms of telling  
11 them how to audit for us. That's their job. The  
12 Florida statute dictates what needs to be  
13 audited. The AICPA states how and what needs to  
14 be audited. And for us to tell them, now, how  
15 and methodology and whether or not they need to  
16 sample 12 items versus a thousand items, I have  
17 an issue, I have an issue with that.

18 MS. HIXON: Mr. Mayersohn?

19 MR. MAYERSOHN: So I guess to Mr. De Meo's  
20 point is that we have a right -- looking at on  
21 page 24 Evaluation of Proposals, looking here at  
22 step 2, it says the committee further reserves  
23 the right to require oral presentations from any  
24 and all proposers or to ask questions of any and  
25 all proposers. It's been my experience that any

1 detail to any question somebody may have can be  
2 done at that time and process where the presenter  
3 or proposer would come in front of our committee,  
4 make their presentation, we could ask questions,  
5 concerns, comments, and then do a full evaluation  
6 or a partial evaluation before and then enhance  
7 it if we needed to change a score or something  
8 like that. I think -- and I've seen that work  
9 successfully. Because, otherwise, we're going to  
10 get into, I'll call it superfluous commentary  
11 that may or may not be applicable to the proposal  
12 as it is.

13 MR. RHODES: May I add a comment?

14 I just want to ask this question for the  
15 Purchasing folks to clarify. What I would be  
16 concerned about with what it is that I'm hearing  
17 is that if it isn't incorporated into the four  
18 corners of the RFP for these areas to be scorable  
19 and to be tangible to the final evaluation that  
20 this committee would provide, that it might not  
21 be material to just ask questions at the time of  
22 their proposals if it's not listed in the  
23 document as a part of how they're going to be  
24 scored. So I would just ask Purchasing to  
25 determine whether or not -- or to provide some

1 information to this committee about whether or  
2 not that could become a problem later in getting  
3 the most qualified firms that meet these  
4 requirements and these characteristics that  
5 you're describing.

6 MS. HIXON: Ms. Andreu.

7 MS. ANDREU: We don't see that as  
8 problematic.

9 MS. HIXON: I have a -- so just based on what  
10 Ms. Shaw says, I don't know -- is your question,  
11 Mr. De Meo, or your thought here that we are  
12 going to tell them what we want or you're wanting  
13 them to tell us how they're going to do it?

14 MR. DE MEO: No, we want them -- within the  
15 guidelines, AICPA, GAAS, significant judgment  
16 must be exercised by every firm, and that's  
17 unique to the firm. Technology, risk assessment,  
18 risk-based approach, scaleability, nature, timing  
19 and expense, all of those things are unique to  
20 the auditing firm and there's wide latitude on  
21 how to perform that. It would reveal to us  
22 something about that firm that all the rest of  
23 this stuff wouldn't. And I think it is essential  
24 and I think I would urge the committee to  
25 consider it. Now, we've gone without it it

1 appears for a number of years, but -- and I think  
2 MSL has done a good job, but I think another way  
3 of looking at it is, a district this size not  
4 asking those questions; wow.

5 MS. HIXON: So I have a thought. And on page  
6 23 on those four categories that we have, make a  
7 fifth category that says methodology. It doesn't  
8 have to be big points. Maybe you make it 5  
9 points and maybe make the diversity, the last  
10 letter D, 10 instead of 15, and add it as a, you  
11 know, how we're -- a category. And we wouldn't  
12 have to -- we would have no, you know, no -- it  
13 wouldn't be up to us what's in that part of it,  
14 we just would need to explain to them what you  
15 just said, we want to know how you're going to --  
16 what's your method, what's your methodology and  
17 audit process for completing this audit?

18 MR. DE MEO: I like that. I would score it  
19 maybe a little higher, maybe 15 points, take out  
20 away 5 from the last category and 10 from the  
21 other, but I like that idea.

22 MR. MAYERSOHN: Is that a motion?

23 MS. HIXON: Well, we didn't finish the motion  
24 for the list -- I guess it's a substitute motion.  
25 This happens to me all the time, there's like

1 five motions and I don't remember where we're at.  
2 But I'm going to make a substitute motion which  
3 then takes Mr. De Meo's motion off the floor at  
4 the moment. So I move that we add a category E  
5 that says Methodology, which I'd actually put  
6 under Scope of Work, so I'd rearrange the  
7 categories, and include in there details of what  
8 their methodology and audit process is for  
9 completing this scope of work.

10 MR. MAYERSOHN: Second.

11 MS. HIXON: Any discussion?

12 MR. RHODES: Before we do that can I just ask  
13 this? Do we want -- do you guys want that motion  
14 to incorporate the changes in the points that are  
15 associated with those categories as well?

16 MS. HIXON: Yes, I guess we should ask Ms.  
17 Andreu.

18 MS. ANDREU: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just to  
19 make note, we will absolutely comply and add this  
20 as letter C, but we are not able to determine the  
21 points for Supplier Diversity. That's a separate  
22 committee that meets and they determine those  
23 points. And then this committee will review that  
24 once finalized at the goal setting committee. So  
25 I just want to be mindful that we're not

1 assigning those points as part of today's  
2 approach.

3 MS. SHAW: Madam Chair?

4 MS. HIXON: That's a good point. Mr. Rhodes  
5 is asking if it could be included in the Scope of  
6 Work, but I think it's separate. Because I was  
7 thinking that, also, but we are telling them the  
8 Scope of Work, we're asking them for methodology.  
9 So I think it's a different section because we're  
10 not -- I don't think you could score it together.  
11 It would have to be scored separately. So I did  
12 think that when I was first processing this.

13 MR. DE MEO: And, Madam Chair, I think you're  
14 right on that. I think that's a good way to look  
15 at it.

16 I also think that we might give them four or  
17 five headings, internal controls, risk  
18 assessment, simple stuff, five, six seven items,  
19 let them give us a paragraph or two on each of  
20 those. And I'll be happy to supply some thoughts  
21 about that to Mr. Rhodes off-line. But I do  
22 think it's separate. I think if we can't do the  
23 scoring now we have some time.

24 MS. HIXON: Yeah, I was going to say that.  
25 Because it comes back to us, so they would meet

1 and then we could tweak the scoring after it.

2 MS. ANDREU: Yes. Or you could divide up,  
3 you know, the points now if you would like to. I  
4 know time is of the essence. If you would like  
5 to change the proposers and the scope of work and  
6 reduce those two, that would be my suggestion and  
7 then add it to the methodology. Whatever the  
8 will is of the committee.

9 MR. DE MEO: Well, I'll just tell you how I  
10 feel. I think this part, the methodology, is as  
11 important as anything but the Qualifications, as  
12 important as the S/M/BE, and I think it should  
13 have at least equal weight and there should be a  
14 diminution of that last category to contribute to  
15 this new category and take away from the scope  
16 to, you know, combine to 15 or 20 percent. I  
17 think methodology is really important.

18 Especially for a firm coming out of state or who  
19 hasn't done a lot of work in this area, you know.  
20 So that's -- that's my two cents on that.

21 MS. HIXON: So maybe we could -- I see what  
22 Ms. Andreu is saying though. We could make it 10  
23 points now and then they would meet and decide if  
24 they could take 5 off -- or we could come back  
25 and add and make it 15. Or we could make it 15

1 and if you want it to be at least 20 we would at  
2 least be equal if we made it 15 and then we could  
3 possibly make it more when it comes back.

4 MR. DE MEO: Whatever the will of the  
5 committee is, 15, 20, that's fine, just so that  
6 we have that category.

7 MS. HIXON: Okay. So --

8 MR. MAYERSOHN: So just arbitrarily, so if we  
9 took the current maximum points and we took five  
10 off the Proposer's Experience and Qualifications,  
11 5 off Scope of Work, 5 off Cost of Services, and  
12 5 off Supplier Diversity, we would have 20.

13 MS. HIXON: But we can't --

14 MR. MAYERSOHN: I know you can't do the last  
15 5. So if we were to take it at this point at  
16 minimum 15 possibly increasing it to 20 if  
17 Supplier Diversity is willing to take off 5,  
18 would that work?

19 MS. HIXON: Can we take anything off of the  
20 Cost of Services?

21 MS. ANDREU: May I suggest the following?  
22 Proposer's Experience and Qualifications, 20;  
23 Scope of Work, 25; Methodology, 20; Cost of  
24 Services, 20; and again, potentially, based on  
25 what the committee determines for Supplier

1 Diversity that might stay at 15 based on their  
2 discussion.

3 MS. HIXON: Can you say that again? I'm  
4 sorry.

5 MS. ANDREU: That's okay. Proposer's  
6 Experience and Qualifications, 20; Scope of Work,  
7 25; Methodology, 20; Cost of Services 20.

8 MS. HIXON: And if they -- if they were  
9 willing to reduce the Supplier would that then  
10 make Methodology 25? Or you weren't thinking to  
11 ask them to change anything?

12 MS. ANDREU: Every time they meet they -- you  
13 know, there's a whole list of criteria that they  
14 look at and evaluate to determine the points.  
15 So -- but we could absolutely, yes, if that is  
16 changed to 10 we could increase any of the other  
17 categories. And as you stated it will come back  
18 to this body.

19 But for today's purposes, if we go with that,  
20 that's how we'll bring the draft back.

21 MS. HIXON: Okay. So the motion -- to adjust  
22 the motion it would be to add methodology as a  
23 category and to readjust the scoring based on  
24 what Ms. Andreu stated.

25 MR. DE MEO: I don't want to belabor this,

1 but I think those first two categories are really  
2 important. I think if we end up with 15 for this  
3 Methodology and we take it from the Diversity or  
4 some other category we're fine. 20 is okay. I  
5 think 15, at least it's a nod to our interest in,  
6 you know, how the auditors are going to perform  
7 the audit which is missing now.

8 MS. HIXON: Okay. So what if it was 25 for  
9 Experience and Qualifications, 25 for Scope of  
10 Work, 15 for Methodology, 20 for Cost of Services  
11 and then the 15 for Diversity? And if they can  
12 change the diversity it would bump the  
13 Methodology to 20?

14 MR. MAYERSOHN: So does the scoring have to  
15 be a hundred?

16 MS. SHAW: Yes.

17 MR. MAYERSOHN: I mean, you can't add like --  
18 and I'm just trying to back out in my behind  
19 bonus points. So if somebody impresses with  
20 their methodology give them five additional bonus  
21 points.

22 MS. HIXON: Ms. Andreu.

23 MR. MAYERSOHN: Or it has to be a hundred?

24 MS. ANDREU: We try to keep it at 100. There  
25 have been times when we've done 105, but we like

1 to keep it at 100.

2 MR. DE MEO: Did I read somewhere that for  
3 the fourth category there are bonus points or is  
4 that something that's a law for --

5 MS. ANDREU: The Supplier Diversity program  
6 in the past has had a scale, and I believe that's  
7 what you're referring to. So it's up to 15, 15  
8 being the max, depending on the commitment by the  
9 vendor on a sliding scale.

10 MR. DE MEO: So in that case if it's less  
11 than 15 it would be less than 100; right?

12 MR. MAYERSOHN: No, no, 100 is the maximum.

13 MS. HIXON: It's like a taking a test, you  
14 may miss a couple.

15 MR. MAYERSOHN: Correct.

16 MS. HIXON: Okay. So what do we think about  
17 that? Because I agree, I don't think  
18 Qualifications should be the lowest number on  
19 there or even, I think it should be the higher  
20 number. So I would be okay if we made it 25, 25,  
21 15, 20 and 15. What do we think?

22 MR. MAYERSOHN: I'm okay with that.

23 MS. HIXON: Okay. So we have a motion and a  
24 second to add Methodology and change the scoring.  
25 Any other discussion on that?

1 No response.

2 MS. HIXON: All those in favor of the change  
3 say aye.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MS. HIXON: Any opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MS. HIXON: So that's our second change.

8 MS. ANDREU: And, Madam Chair, can I ask you,  
9 I realize that this meeting is probably coming to  
10 an end, can we just go back to one other section  
11 if we can get clarification on this? I know in  
12 the past this particular solicitation had a  
13 component that was a non-mandatory proposer's  
14 conference. Again, after hearing all of the  
15 discussion this morning I don't know if the  
16 committee would like that meeting to be  
17 mandatory. We have changed that in other  
18 high-level solicitations. So this would be a  
19 mandatory proposer's conference, and if a vendor  
20 did not attend they would not be eligible and,  
21 again, would be deemed nonresponsive.

22 MS. HIXON: Can you tell us what page that's  
23 on, please?

24 MS. ANDREU: Oh, on -- well, it's on page 8  
25 and then there's another section as well.

1 MR. MAYERSOHN: They can attend these  
2 virtually?

3 MS. ANDREU: They can attend them virtually.  
4 We have them in person, it's hybrid and on Teams.

5 MR. MAYERSOHN: Okay.

6 MS. ANDREU: So they would have to do one or  
7 the other. But if they failed to attend they  
8 would not be able to bid.

9 MS. HIXON: Anybody have thoughts on that?  
10 Mr. Mayersohn.

11 MR. MAYERSOHN: I mean, I think that, again,  
12 the fact that it could be hybrid so you're not  
13 forcing somebody who's in California to come all  
14 the way here just for bid purposes, but I think  
15 it's -- I think it's important for people really  
16 to understand the magnitude of what the  
17 expectations are. So I think it's a good idea to  
18 mandate it, but that's just my thought process.

19 MS. HIXON: Ms. Shaw.

20 MS. SHAW: And I agree. I think as crucial  
21 and critical as this is, if you're interested in  
22 bidding for it you will take the time. And the  
23 mere fact that we're in this technology age, you  
24 can jump on and we can see you, I would also make  
25 sure that we're able to see their face, that they

1 turn on their cameras when this is being done as  
2 well. Because I think that's better because  
3 they're not in person but this is critical for  
4 them to be a part of it if they want to be  
5 involved in the process.

6 MS. HIXON: Mr. Mayersohn.

7 MR. MAYERSOHN: And I guess, Ms. Andreu, you  
8 don't think that this would -- this doesn't  
9 qualify a bid bond like a construction project  
10 would be, so you don't think it's necessary to do  
11 that?

12 MS. ANDREU: No.

13 MR. MAYERSOHN: Okay.

14 MS. HIXON: Okay. So it looks like  
15 everybody's okay leaving it in?

16 (No response.)

17 MS. HIXON: Okay. Ms. Shaw.

18 MS. SHAW: The only thing that I ask is  
19 before we meet the next time could we clean up  
20 some of the language? For example, I know a  
21 comprehensive financial report, you know, make  
22 sure those are removed, make sure those are not  
23 included. Because just when we're looking at it  
24 it's giving me angina every time.

25 MR. RHODES: And just one other thing.

1           Mr. De Meo, if you could get together with me  
2           on how to start working on forging the  
3           methodology the way that you have perceived it, I  
4           can get that put together so that we can get that  
5           to Procurement, get it added into the draft and  
6           then everybody can have a chance to review what  
7           that looks like.

8           MR. DE MEO: I would be happy to.

9           MR. RHODES: Okay. Thank you.

10          MS. ANDREU: And can you verify Ms. Shaw's  
11          statement?

12          MS. HIXON: So can you repeat what the  
13          language you were referring to?

14          MS. SHAW: Just any update that needs to be  
15          done in it, whether it's the annual comprehensive  
16          financial report or whatever the case may be.  
17          This way when we're looking at it we have --  
18          those are -- are clear.

19          MS. HIXON: Okay. Anything -- any other  
20          parts to the RFP/Q? I'm not sure which one it  
21          is.

22          (No response.)

23          MS. HIXON: Okay. So we've had two changes.  
24          One is to add "preferred" in the Section 4.3 --  
25          4.3.1.12. So in parentheses that says Florida

1 districts, we're going to add the word  
2 "preferred".

3 And then the second one was to add  
4 Methodology to the categories and change the  
5 scoring to 25, 25, 15 for the new methodology, 20  
6 and 15. And when it comes back we'll see if it's  
7 possible to lower Diversity and increase  
8 Methodology.

9 Anybody -- anything else?

10 MS. ANDREU: And the other change was the  
11 mandatory proposer's conference.

12 MS. HIXON: Right. Well, we decided not to  
13 change that; right? It's already mandatory.

14 MS. ANDREU: No, it's non-mandatory.

15 MS. HIXON: Oh, we wanted to make it  
16 mandatory. Okay. I'm sorry.

17 MR. MAYERSOHN: And I'd like to make a motion  
18 to make a proposer's mandatory conference.

19 MS. SHAW: Second, Phyllis.

20 MS. HIXON: Any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 MS. HIXON: All those in favor of the third  
23 change say aye.

24 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MS. HIXON: Any opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MS. HIXON: That motion carries.

3 Any other changes to the RFQ?

4 MS. DEFOOR: It's an RFP.

5 MS. HIXON: RFP. Thank you.

6 MR. MAYERSOHN: So if -- because, again, if  
7 the ability when we evaluate, if we want to have  
8 those proposers here to ask questions, where does  
9 that come in? Because it says there's an option.

10 MS. HIXON: Ms. Andreu?

11 MS. DEFOOR: That is during the evaluation  
12 committee meeting. They -- we choose or the  
13 committee chooses whether or not to have  
14 presentations. And then you can also ask  
15 questions after that presentation. And those are  
16 closed-door meetings.

17 MR. MAYERSOHN: I'd like to make it, again,  
18 mandatory as part of -- I mean, that's just my  
19 own personal opinion.

20 MS. HIXON: Do you want to make a motion?

21 MR. MAYERSOHN: I would like to make a motion  
22 that we have a mandatory, I don't know what you  
23 want to call it, bidders' --

24 MR. MEDVIN: Oral presentation.

25 MR. MAYERSOHN: -- oral presentation.

1 MS. HIXON: Is there a second?

2 MS. SHAW: Second.

3 MS. HIXON: Discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 MS. HIXON: Anybody have an issue -- Ms.  
6 Andreu, I guess just as a question, do we do oral  
7 presentations on any of the other RFQs, is it  
8 something that people would --

9 MS. ANDREU: Yes, we do.

10 MS. HIXON: All right.

11 MS. SHAW: You normally do if it's a large  
12 dollar amount.

13 MS. HIXON: Okay. All those in favor of  
14 making the oral presentation mandatory say aye.

15 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MS. HIXON: Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MS. HIXON: The motion passes unanimously.  
19 I'm trying to write it down.

20 Okay. Any other changes?

21 (No response.)

22 MS. HIXON: So it looks like we have four in  
23 total. Again, adding "preferred" in the 4.3.1.12  
24 section, adding a methodology section and  
25 changing the scores, making the training

1 mandatory, and making the oral presentation  
2 mandatory. Any additions?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. HIXON: So the next question I have then  
5 is when -- when would we come back? Because  
6 we're going to tweak this and it's going to come  
7 back. So do we want to make the time now or are  
8 you going to just reach out?

9 MR. RHODES: Based on the history and  
10 availability or unavailability, but the  
11 requirement that we maintain some consistency  
12 with regard to the members, participants, I would  
13 prefer that we get the information back, for  
14 example, the information back from Mr. De Meo,  
15 any of the tweaks that go into the RFP based on  
16 today's request by the committee. Once we can  
17 have all that information incorporated back into  
18 the document we can reach back out to this  
19 committee and start to find out what days work  
20 together for everybody and establish a new date  
21 then.

22 MS. HIXON: Okay. So can I -- I just wanted  
23 to put some guardrails around it. So can we say  
24 January -- because, I mean, we have the holidays  
25 and stuff, is January realistic? Should be it be

1 February? Can we at least get a --

2 MS. ANDREU: May I suggest that we continue  
3 this same cadence. If we did whatever the  
4 January date is of audit committee and met the  
5 morning before?

6 MS. HIXON: Perfect. And if it's not ready,  
7 you can let you us know, but we at least have a  
8 goal.

9 MR. RHODES: And the only thing I would say  
10 is at the meeting that's going to follow this,  
11 hopefully, we'll solidify what that January date  
12 is going to be for the meeting.

13 MS. HIXON: You can let us know.

14 Mr. Mayersohn.

15 MR. MAYERSOHN: So the one other thing that I  
16 want to protect the integrity of this committee  
17 is, Madam Chair, you will probably in January not  
18 be chair of the school board. But the integrity  
19 of this committee stays the same. So I don't  
20 know whether we have to make a recommendation to  
21 the board to keep you on this committee or -- I  
22 mean, you tell me. I'd rather --

23 MS. HIXON: I don't think the law requires  
24 the chair to be the --

25 MR. RHODES: What you just requested, based

1 on what the law states can happen. Because if  
2 there was a situation in which the chair was not  
3 available, there could be another designee  
4 identified by the board. So considering that she  
5 has started off this process I don't think there  
6 should be any problem with that.

7 MR. MAYERSOHN: Okay. I just want to make  
8 sure that we don't lose the -- you know, have  
9 somebody else and have to go through, I guess,  
10 you know, start over the whole process.

11 MS. HIXON: Thanks for the vote of  
12 confidence.

13 So do we have to do anything about that or  
14 no?

15 MR. MAYERSOHN: I mean, I would like just to  
16 make a motion just so then we have it on record;  
17 if that makes sense.

18 MS. SHAW: You stole my thunder, but go  
19 ahead. I'll second it.

20 MR. MAYERSOHN: You can go ahead. Go ahead.

21 I'd like to make a motion that we, in spite  
22 of what new organizational information may happen  
23 to the school board in November that Mrs. Hixon  
24 remains as chair of the auditor selection  
25 committee.

1 MS. HIXON: Is there a second?

2 MS. SHAW: I'll second it but I want to just  
3 add, instead of new organizational information,  
4 new organizational change and to protect the  
5 integrity of the and continuation of the existing  
6 committee.

7 MR. MAYERSOHN: I'll accept your friendly  
8 amendment.

9 MS. HIXON: Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 MS. HIXON: All right. All those in favor  
12 say aye.

13 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MS. HIXON: Any opposed say no.

15 (No response.)

16 MS. HIXON: Motion carries.

17 MR. MAYERSOHN: So when you guys do your  
18 organizational process you may want to include  
19 audit selection committee on there and then you  
20 maintain as chair.

21 MS. HIXON: Okay. I'll let staff know to add  
22 that. Thank you.

23 Ms. Andreu.

24 MS. ANDREU: Thank you, Madam Chair. Before  
25 you adjourn I would like to introduce our new

1 Director of Procurement & Logistic Operations,  
2 Mr. John White. He's joined our team. We're  
3 very excited to have him and welcome him. Lots  
4 of years of experience in private and public  
5 sector, so he's going to be a much needed and  
6 much added team member. Thank you.

7 MS. HIXON: Well, welcome, welcome.

8 MR. MAYERSOHN: Welcome.

9 MS. SHAW: Congratulations.

10 MS. HIXON: Thank you so much. All right.  
11 Well, seeing no other business, I adjourn the  
12 meeting. Have a great day and enjoy your audit  
13 committee meeting. I'm not staying for that one.

14 (Meeting was concluded at 10:09 a.m.)  
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