VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

October 23, 2026

A meeting of the Vermont Economic Development Authority's Audit Committee originated at the office of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, Montpelier, Vermont on October 23, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee present via video conference: S. Voigt, Chair; K. Hale and T. Gallagher. Member T. Foster also joined the meeting.

Staff present via video conference: J. Goldstein, Chief Executive Officer; T. Richardson, Chief Financial Officer; R. Grzankowski, Chief Operations Officer; H. Hook, Controller; and Sandra Croft, Chief Lending Officer.

Joining the meeting via video conference from BerryDunn: R. Smalley, Principal; S. Edie, Manager and S. Wilson, Senior Auditor.

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Approval of May 30, 2026 Minutes

On a motion by T. Gallagher, seconded by K. Hale, the Minutes of May 30, 2026 were approved by those Members of the Committee present by a vote of 4 to 0.

BerryDunn Presentation

R. Smalley presented the Required Communications letter noting an Unmodified Opinion on the financial statements and a very smooth engagement for FY26.

S. Edie presented the supplementary information for the engagement, identifying the required communications and Government Accounting Standards, followed by an overview of the financial results for the year. Edie noted the addition of GASB 103 and 104. During this implementation, interest expense is now reported as non-operating expense rather than operating.

S. Wilson reported on the Uniform Guidance review. No material weaknesses of significant deficiencies were found during this review. S. Wilson Noted that this report will not be finalized

until the federal government releases the final OMB Guidance for 2026. BerryDunn does not expect any additional requirements beyond the draft guidance, and will confirm once released.

With a motion by T. Gallagher, seconded by K. Hale, the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the audit report to the full board on October 30, 2026.

S. Voigt asked if BerryDunn would ever make an opinion about loan loss reserve calculation compared to industry standard. R. Smalley noted that the metrics are reviewed globally within the industry and discussion each year is had with management on whether the reserves are appropriate. T. Richardson agreed and states that VEDA revisits the policy calculations annually. Since covid VEDA's reserves have held been above policy minimums to account for the historically low levels of loss during this time period. Reserves were decreased somewhat during FY26 in the small business portfolios that were significantly over-reserved.

Executive Session

On a motion by T. Gallagher, seconded by K. Hale, the members voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters with the BerryDunn staff. VEDA staff left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

The Committee exited executive session at 1:45 p.m. with no action taken.

ATTEST: Audit Committee

By: _____

Thaddeus G. Richardson, Chief Financial Officer

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