

# Audit Committee

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 11:00 AM

City Hall, Executive Tower, Clerk of Council Conference Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1111 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

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**Members:** Vice Chair Councilor Toyia Tucker, Mike Baker, Tyson Begly, Mike Bruder and Councilor Glenn Davis

**Recording Secretary:** Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore

**CCG Staff:** Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Internal Auditor & Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis

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**Document(s) Provided:** (1) Charter of Columbus, Georgia – Section 7-405; (2) Internal Audit Risk Assessment – Submitted by Mauldin & Jenkins – Dated October 23, 2025; (3) Internal Audit CCG Departmental Action Plans: Jan. 2019 – Nov. 2025.

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## Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order by Councilor Toyia Tucker, Vice Chair, at 11:00 a.m.

### I. Minutes

Approval of minutes for July 7, 2025, and September 19, 2025, Audit Committee Meetings.

M. Bruder made a motion to approve the July 7, 2025, minutes and to allow T. Begly to abstain from the vote, as the meeting was held prior to his appointment. The motion was seconded by M. Baker and carried unanimously by the four members present, with T. Begly abstaining.

T. Begly made a motion to approve the September 19, 2025, minutes, seconded by M. Bruder and carried unanimously by the five members present.

### II. Discussion

#### a. Risk Assessment – Status Update

A brief discussion was held regarding the Risk Assessment conducted by Mauldin & Jenkins. During the discussion, a copy of the assessment report was provided to Audit Committee members upon request.

b. Operational Assessment – Status Update

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge provided a brief update on the Operational Assessment being conducted by Mauldin & Jenkins. She stated that the assessment is currently ongoing and that the draft report is expected to be provided by the end of the month. The most recent update she received was on December 8, and she is scheduled to receive another update later this week.

c. Audit Plan and Process

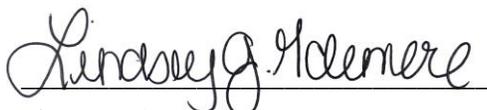
Discussion was held regarding the internal audit and transition audit processes for City departments. M. Bruder recommended establishing a formal process for conducting transition audits for departments led by non-elected officials. The Internal Auditor, in coordination with the Audit Committee, was tasked with developing this plan.

Councilor Davis emphasized the need for a Compliance Officer position. Councilor Tucker stated that the Compliance Officer should fall between the Forensic Auditors and the Internal Auditor.

A follow-up will be conducted with Mauldin & Jenkins to request templates related to the structure and implementation of a standardized audit process and audit committee framework.

**Adjournment**

Councilor T. Tucker entertained a motion to adjourn the January 8, 2026, Audit Committee Meeting. T. Begly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Baker and carried unanimously by the five members present, with the time being 3:24 p.m.



Lindsey G. McLemore

Clerk of Council