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September 4, 2026

**Members of the Board Audit Committee**

Ed Curtis, Chair  
Zuzanna Gaik  
Sara M Salger

Dear Members of the Audit Committee:

There will be a meeting of the Audit Committee on Thursday, September 17, 2026, immediately following the Academic Matters Committee in Roller Hall, Room 1511, Main Clinic Building, Building 263, 2800 College Avenue, Alton, Illinois. The agenda is enclosed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin Oates".

Justin Oates  
Vice President for Financial & Administrative Affairs  
and Board Treasurer

Enclosures

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|-----|-----------------|--------------------------|
| cc: | J. Phil Gilbert | Dan Mahony               |
|     | Deb Barnett     | Austin A. Lane           |
|     | Mo Abuzaneh     | James T. Minor           |
|     | Ed Hightower    | Ian Martin               |
|     | John Simmons    | Other Interested Parties |
|     | Toni Williams   |                          |

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## AGENDA

### MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 17, 2026  
Immediately following the Academic Matters Committee

SIU School of Dental Medicine  
Roller Hall, Room 1511  
2800 College Avenue  
Alton, Illinois

Also available via live stream video at [siusystem.edu](https://siusystem.edu)

1. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held December 4, 2025 (attached).
2. Informational Report: Internal Audit Annual Risk Assessment Summary by Evonne Thompson, Executive Director of Audit
3. Other Business
4. Adjournment

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

#### **Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting**

**December 4, 2025**

The Audit Committee met in the Multipurpose Room, Southern Illinois University Carbondale Student Center, Ballroom B, Carbondale, Illinois and via live stream video at [siousystem.edu](https://siousystem.edu) through YouTube, and through Zoom at approximately 10:12 a.m. Present were: Ed Curtis (Chair), Mo Abuzaneh, Sara Salager. Other Board members present were: J. Phil Gilbert, Hannah Connolly, Ed Hightower, Deb Barnett, John Simmons, and Toni Williams. Executive Officers present were: President Dan Mahony; Chancellor Austin Lane, SIUC; Chancellor James T. Minor, SIUE; Dean and Provost Jerry Kruse, School of Medicine; General Counsel Lucas Crater; Vice President for Academic Innovation, Planning and Partnerships Gireesh Gupchup; Vice President for Antiracism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Sheila Caldwell; and Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs & Board Treasurer Justin Oates.

#### **Minutes**

Trustee Abuzaneh recommended approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2024 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Salager. Paula Keith conducted a roll call vote (Curtis-yes, Abuzaneh-yes, Salager-yes) and the item was passed by the Committee.

#### **Information Report: Presentation Report: Presentation of FY24 SIU System Audits (Summary of FY24 Audit Findings) by Evonne Thompson, Executive Director of Audit**

#### **Information Report: FY25 Annual Report of Activity of the Office of Internal Audit, Compliance and Ethics by Kim Evonne Thompson, Executive Director of Audit**

Executive Director of Audits, Kim Evonne Thompson, presented the reports.

#### **Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:22 a.m.

JO/sap