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Appearances of Board Members Present:
Susan Tham
Alden Andre Nitin Kamath
Cal Simpson

Staff Members Present:

Melissa Sorrell
Brenda Guess
Christian Pennington
Robbie Tate
Erroll Smith
Steve Baham
Susan Bigner
Bob Cangelosi

MS . THAM:
If everyone will take a seat, we'll call the meeting to order. Roll call, please.

> MS . SORRELL:

Susan Tham.
MS . THAM:
Here.
MS . SORRELL :
Ann Villa.
(No response.)
MS. SORRELL:
Alden Andre.
MR . ANDRE
Here.
MS . SORRELL:
Jay Rousseau.
(No response.)
MS . SORRELL:
Nitin Kamath.
(No response.)
MS . SORRELL:
Cal Simpson.
Mr. Simpson:
Here.

MS . THAM:
Thank you. So today is our Finance Committee meeting. We're going to go over our auditor's report and also our investment analysis by Chaffe.

Ms. Guess, were you going to introduce our auditors?

MS . GUESS :
Yes, I will. Thank you. Good morning. Today we have two audit reports that are going to be presented to the Finance Committee for presentation and for ratification at the full board, and we have Mr. Barrett Hunter representing the Louisiana Legislative Auditors, and we have Mr. Marc Katsanis from Chaffe \& Associates, and the first item on the agenda is for Mr. Hunter to give the Legislative Auditor's Report.

MS . THAM:
Thank you. Mr. Hunter.
MR. HUNTER:
Good morning.
MS. THAM:
Good morning.

MR. HUNTER:
My name is Barrett Hunter, like she said. I'm the audit manager over the audit. We have a team of about three our four people. This is our first year the legislative auditors did the EDAP audit.

I want to, first of all, start off by thanking the LED and the LEDC employees, Brenda and -- I'm not going to name them all, but there's a lot of -- Alden also. I know he's not here, but Mr. Cooper, who was $y^{\prime}$ all's prior auditor, independent auditor, he provided a lot of assistance too. So our report was issued on December 17th. I hope y'all had a chance to look at it.

Starting on page 2 is the opinion, and it's an unmodified opinion, which is a clean opinion. It's a good opinion. It basically states that LEDC's financial statements were materially
correct. We also have a paragraph, an emphasis of matter paragraph that had to be disclosed and that's for a SSBCI revenue that met criteria for revenue recognition.

So we have to restate the beginning, that position.

Now, that paragraph does not affect the opinion modification, so it's no effect on the opinion. Page 5 through 30 is the financial statements. 5 through 9 is the MDNA. 10 through 13 is the actual financial statements. I'm not going to go into anything in detail, but any questions y'all have, we can go into it and then it goes into the notes and then the supplemental scheduling and investments.
On page -- actually, after page
30 is Exhibit A. It's the Government
Auditing Standards reports and what is thatis a report on the infernal control and on
any compliance, and we found no issues, no
material deficiencies in internal control or
financial reporting, and we found no
noncompliance issues that needed to be
reported. The last year's report had one
finding in their report on the bonds, but we
found that that's been resolved. There's
controls in place and everything, so it's
not repeated in this report. The timing of
the '15. We're going to do it again in '15.
I would think it's going to be pretty consistent to what we have this time, we issued in December. We were trying to issue it in November, but learned that that's kind of impossible with waiting on the investment reports. So I would suspect it's going to be sometime in December.

That's pretty much all I have.
I'm open to questions.
MS. THAM:
Any questions? You got to read
it? Also, we're going to hear from Chaffe and if you have any questions that integrate the investments, the analysis, or the valuation of them, we can also ask about that after Chaffe presents their rough report.

Any questions? And from Chaffe, you're going to present the valuations? Thank you.

MR. KATSANIS:
Good morning, everyone. Again, I'd also like to thank the staff of LEDC for making everything run smoothly during the
process. I guess we will start by -- you know, our report really goes into detail and describes each of the investments that LEDC has. The overall summary is shown on Exhibit 1. For each of these investments, we performed a full valuation as prescribed by by AICPA standards and interviewed the management of each of these companies to determine a final valuation as of your financial statements dated June.

MS . THAM:
Excuse me. That exhibit is
right after page 20?
MR. KATSANIS:
Yes, that's correct. I'll
summarize this table, and I'm glad to go through it and answer any questions that anyone has. It's really separated into two components -- the investment companies, which are investments that LEDC has, and investment funds that are a few venture capital funds, some BITCOs, and also a couple of mezzanine landing funds. The bottom section, which comprises four companies, are operating companies that are
direct investments in individual companies or, at this point, sometimes remnants of companies that have been sold but still have a few assets that will be distributed in the future.

Essentially, the table setup, we've got a first column of numbers, which is the third column. It represents the value at the end of 2013, fiscal 2013. The 2000 middle represented there, if the investment paid out any distributions or return of capital or if LEDC invested any new capital, the fourth column of numbers represents the change in the market value, which is the result of our valuation from year to year.

2014 Chaffe fair value, that is the value of each investment as of June 30, 2014, and then at the request of the Finance Committee from last year, we've added some additional information, which is the last four columns that allows you to see, and actually the final total of that is the last column, gain/loss, which allows you to see the total gain or loss on investments and

LEDC-made investments.
MS . THAM:
I'm glad you put that in there. That is very revealing. Go ahead. I don't mean to interrupt.

MR. KATSANIS:
Sure. And that's my overview.
If you guys have any other questions or would like me to highlight any of these individual investments in more detail, I'd be glad to discuss that.

MS. THAM:
I do have a question. I'm not
sure which of you gentlemen $I$ should ask that of, but the last exhibit, I believe it was, in the audit report, page 29 of the audit report, that shows the investments, and they show our costs, the carrying value, and fair value. As $I$ understand it, the carrying value is the cost minus any impairments.

MR. HUNTER:
Impairments. Correct.
MS . THAM:
So at what point are the
calculations of impairments made? Who
decides on the number for impairments? Is
that part of the valuation done by Chaffe?
MR. HUNTER:
Correct.
MR. KATSANIS :
Yes. The result of my valuation
at the end of each fiscal year will
determine whether or not each investment is
impaired and the amount by which it's
impaired.
MS . THAM:
And so that's done on an annual
basis at the time of the audit?
MR. KATSANIS:
Correct.
MS . THAM:
And the carrying value, then, is
our original cost less the impairments.
It's not the same as the fair market value, so is that what we think that we might end up with as a return from that investment?

MR. KATSANIS :
Not necessarily. The
investment, if it becomes impaired or
declines in value, will be written down.
However, as long as the company doesn't go out of business, then it still has the prospect that it may appreciate in the future; however, that appreciation is never realized on the books.

Going forward, however, if at the time -- if the company is sold and LEDC is cashed out, then they realize a gain or a loss as compared to that.

MS. THAM:
I guess I'm not not quite sure what the difference is between the carrying value on something that's been written down, why the carrying value is different than the fair value.

MR. KATSANIS:
And I guess I don't know. He may be a better --

MR. HUNTER:
It's not a fair market value method that they use; it's a cost method, and once these things are impaired, because they're private investments -- and the type of investments that LEDC gives them, that
that method is okay to use. So once they impair these things and they go down, they're not written back up. Now, in the note disclosure, we do disclose the market value as well, but on the face, like he said, on the face of the financials, we're only carrying the carrying value.

MS . THAM:
Thank you.
MR. KATSANIS:
Maybe an example would make it a
little clearer. If LEDC invests \$1 dollars in a particular investment, initially, then in year two, say it's impaired and worth $\$ 750,000$, that carrying value would be reduced from a million to $\$ 750,000$.

However, if in a subsequent year, the value goes up to $\$ 2$ million, the fair market value at that point in time would be $\$ 2$ million, but the carrying value would remain 750 .

MS. THAM:
So some of these have done that;
they have gone up?
MR. KATSANIS:
Right. It may have -- it would

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never be less than the carrying value, but it may appreciate and be more.

MS . THAM:
So there are several of those on here like that.

MR. KATSANIS:
Right. Which means that they were covered from their previous impairment, most likely.

MS. THAM:
Thank you. That helps me understand it a lot more.

MR. KATSANIS:
Sure.
MS . THAM:
Do we have other questions about any of these, the report from Chaffe or the audit report?

I know I have a question. On the audit report where we're talking about revenues -- I'm sorry, the receivables. Let me find the page. I guess it would probably be page 10. We have due from state treasury a capital outlay fund. Is that the third tranche that --

MR. HUNTER:
No, ma'am.
MS . THAM:
No. What is that? Is that over time, we have a certain amount? Like, over $\$ 40,000 \mathrm{I}$ know was due from that outlay, and this is what we have left to receive?

MR. HUNTER :
40 million. Yes. That's from the Capital Outlay Act, and that's just money that has been approved in the act but not drawn down yet.

MS . THAM:
And so what determines when we're able to draw that down?

MR. HUNTER :
That's up to the agency. The appropriation has been approved. It just is still sitting at the treasury.

Is that correct, Erroll?
MR. SMITH:
Yes.
MS . THAM:
Does anyone else have any
questions? No? Any questions or comments
from the public? No?
In that case, do I have a motion
to accept the finances?
MR. SIMPSON:
So moved.
MR . ANDRE
Second.
MS . THAM:
Everyone in favor, say "aye."
(Several members respond "aye.")
MS . THAM:
Any "nays"?
(No response.)
MS. THAM:
No? Okay. In that case, we pass it. We accept the financial statements and the Chaffe valuation. We'll present that to the board today.

I do want to say for the LEDC staff and the accounting personnel, thank you for all your hard work. It's wonderful to get another unqualified opinion and management report with no material weaknesses. Thank you very much.

MR. HUNTER:

Thank you.
MS . THAM:
Do I need another motion to
close the committee meeting?
MR. KAMATH:
Moved.
MR. SIMPSON:
Second.
MS. THAM:
And a second. All right. Thank you. The meeting has ended.
(The meeting concluded at 9:24 a.m.)

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