PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date:

September 10, 2024

Department:

Internal Auditor's Office

Advisory Board:

Internal Audit Committee

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: reappoint two (2) members to the Internal Audit Committee (IAC):

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	Term	Nominated by:
3	Michael Kohner	10/1/2024 -9/30/2027	Commissioner Sachs
J	Witchael Kolmei	10/1/2024 -9/30/2027	Commissioner Barnett
1	John Gilbert	10/1/2024 -9/30/2027	Commissioner Sachs
4	John Gilbert	10/1/2024 -9/30/2027	Commissioner Barnett

Summary: The purpose of the Internal Audit Committee is to assist the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in fulfilling its oversight and governance responsibilities of County operations and providing advice and recommendations to the County Internal Auditor. All members of the Internal Audit Committee are required to be citizens of the County, independent of County operations and officials, with experience in business or finance; government accounting, auditing, operations or financial management; or other relevant experience. At its March 20, 2024 meeting, the Internal Audit Committee unanimously recommended the reappointment of Mr. Kohner Seat 3, and Mr. Gilbert Seat 4. Both Committee members will serve a three (3) year term ending September 30, 2027. The audit committee consists of five (5) full member seats and one (1) alternate member seat. Following these reappointments, the five (5) full-member seats will be filled. The alternate member seat remains vacant. Diversity count is Caucasian: 5 (100%). The gender ratio (male: female) is 4:1. Staff is addressing the need to increase diversity within its boards and will continue to encourage expansion of the Committee's diversity. Countywide (DB)

Background and Justification: The BCC established the Internal Audit Committee in August 1987 by resolution R87-1226. Ordinance 2010-006, adopted March 23, 2010 established a new five (5) member audit committee consisting of individuals who are independent of the County organization and have experience in business or finance; government accounting, auditing, operations or financial management; or other relevant experience. Ordinance 2013-030, adopted November 19, 2013, added an alternate member.

Attachments:

- 1. Boards/Committees Applications with resumes
- 2. Audit committee background and current membership list
- 3. Memo to Commissioners regarding reappointments

Recommended by:	DOZaman	8-20-2024
-	County Internal Auditor	Date
Legal Sufficiency:	Il Co	8/22/24
	Assistant County Attorney	Date

A.	Other Department Review:
	Department Director

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Occupation/Affiliation	: CPA		
	Owner [X]	Employee []	Officer []
Business Name:	Alvarez and Marsai Ta	X	
Business Address:	360 S. Rosemary Aven	ue, Suite 1010	
City & State	West Palm Beach, Fl.	Zi	p Code: 33401
Residence Address:	12530 Sunnydale Drive		
City & State	Wellington, Fl.	Zi	Code: 33414
Home Phone:	(561) 790-2308	Business Phone:	(561) 469-5492 Ext. 118713
Cell Phone:	(561) 762-0344	Fax:	(561) 469-5494
Email Address:	mkohner@alvarezandmarsal.	com	, •
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Michael L. Kohner

Managing Director

Michael L. Kohner is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsat Tax in Wost Palm Beach. He is a trusted advisor on taxation and venture capital and family offices. With more than 38 years of experience, he has worked with clients across a range of industries, including private equity, real estate, technology, professional sports, media and entertainment, distribution, crypto, NFTs and blockchain.

Mr. Kohner launched A&M's Tax West Palm Beach office and coordinates the activities of tax, accounting, financial planning and valuation professionals in serving public companies, closely held businesses, venture capital firms, high net wealth families and family offices and corporate executives.

Additionally, Mr. Kohner's notable assignments have included the sale of \$2.3 billion business; IPO for one of Palm Beach County's largest companies; a purchase of a \$60 million aircraft; a sale of a \$58 million yacht; formation of an iconic sports museum; formation of a new NBA franchise; and the creation of several family offices. He has also overseen several large merger and acquisition transactions, major real estate development projects, high-level charitable gifting opportunities and orchestrated wealth transfer planning for billionaires, CEOs and famous athletes.

Prior to joining A&M with his entire team, Mr. Kohner spent five years at HBK CPAs and Consultants as Principal in charge of the West Palm Beach office. Before that, he spent a combined quarter century at Arthur Andersen and Andersen Tax, where he served as Managing Director of Andersen Tax's Florida practice and as the Head of the Corporate Team. For several years Mr. Kohner was the firm's export on tax ramifications related to corporate aircraft. Before co-founding Andersen Tax, Mr. Kohner was a Tax Partner at Arthur Andersen, where he oversaw the West Palm Beach tax department and the real estate tax group for Florida. He was also a member of the firm-wide technical advisory groups for both corporations and pass-through entities.

Mr. Kohner earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Florida. He is a frequent speaker, author of several articles, co-founded Philanthropy Tank and serves on the Executive Committee of the Economic Council Pairn Beach County, Board of Directors for Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, Advisory Board of the University of Florida Fisher School of Accounting and on the finance committee for the Palm Beach County School District. He received the 2018 Hats Off Nonprofit Volunteer of the Year Award from Non-Profits First and has been inducted into the Marquis Who's Who Biographical Registry.



mkoliner@alvarezandmarsal.com

NOTE: Alvarez & Marsal employs CPAs but is not a licensed CPA firm.

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City & State West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33418
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Email Address: jthomg@gmail.com
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John Gilbert

6517 Eastpointe Pines Street, West Palm Beach, FI 33418

Resident of Eastpointe for 11 years Legal Counsel for the Golf and Racquet club for two years

EXPERIENCEMassachusetts Department of Revenue

Litigator, Deputy Chief Litigation Bureau, Chief of Litigation Bureau
Litigated tax cases, supervised a staff of 10-15 attorneys, established training programs and managed a caseload of over a thousand cases.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers Manager, Senior Manager, Director, Partner

Partner in charge of tax controversies for the northeast region, managed a staff of 8-10 attorneys, reviewed tax planning strategies and worked with several significant clients for the firm.

Zoning Board of Appeals for Town of Lexington Associate member for several years.

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Committee was established by Ordinance 2010-006 adopted March 23, 2010 and revised by Ordinance 2012-011 adopted June 19, 2012, Ordinance 2013-030 adopted November 19, 2013, and Ordinance 2017-020 adopted June 20, 2017.

<u>Section 4 – Composition</u> of the Ordinance establishes the membership requirements and composition of the Committee. The Section reads as follows:

- A. The Internal Audit Committee shall be composed of five members and one alternate member appointed by the BCC and shall not include any county commissioners as members. The alternate member may only participate and vote when another member is absent.
- B. All members shall be citizens of Palm Beach County, independent of elected and appointed county officials and employees, and not employed in any capacity by the BCC or by an entity subject to audit by the County Internal Auditor.
- C. Membership of the Internal Audit Committee will be to the greatest extent possible representative of the community-at-large and reflect the racial, gender and ethnic make-up of the community.
- D. The members' terms shall be three years and staggered so that the Internal Audit Committee annually includes a new member and members with one and two years of service. Members terms will begin on October 1 and end on September 30.
- E. Each member shall serve no more than three consecutive full terms.
- F. Committee members shall have experience in business or finance; government accounting, auditing, operations or financial management; or other relevant experience.
- G. The chair of the Internal Audit Committee will be elected by the members of the Internal Audit Committee to serve a single two year term.
- H. The committee is subject to the uniform policies and procedures established by the BCC as set forth in Resolution R-2013-0193 and amendments thereto (if any).

Current composition of the Committee:

Seat 1: David Herst, PhD, Caucasian, male, term expires 9/30/25.

Seat 2: Mark Feldmesser, CPA, Vice-Chair, Caucasian, male, term expires

Seat 3: Michael Kohner, CPA, Caucasian, male, term expires 9/30/24.

Seat 4: John Gilbert, CPA, Chair, Caucasian, male, term expires 9/30/24.

Seat 5: Donna Wisneski, CPA, Caucasian, female, term expires 9/30/2026

Alternate: Vacant

Committee meeting schedule:

The Ordinance requires the Committee to meet at least quarterly.

The Committee currently meets on the third Wednesday of March, June, and September. The December meeting is the second Wednesday of the month. Additional meetings are

scheduled as necessary.



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Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Maria Sachs, Mayor

Maria G. Marino, Vice Mayor

Gregg K. Weiss

Michael A. Barnett

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Sara Baxter

Mack Bernard

County Administrator

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Interoffice Memo

Date:

April 3, 2024

To:

Maria Sachs, Mayor and Members of the Board of County

Commissioners

From:

David Zamora

County Internal Auditor

Re: Request for Support for two Reappointments and Identification of Nominees to fill Internal Audit Committee Vacancy

The Internal Audit Committee (IAC) consists of five regular members and one alternate member. All seats on the Committee are At-Large seats.

REAPPOINTMENTS

The current three-year term for John Gilbert in Seat 4 and Michael Kohner in Seat 3 expires September 30, 2024. Both members are eligible for reappointment and completed an application for reappointment to serve another term.

At our recent meeting, the IAC unanimously recommended both members be reappointed to their respective seats to expire September 30, 2027.

NOMINEES NEEDED

Nominees are needed to fill the vacant Alternate Member position for the three-year term October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027.

Background information on the Internal Audit Committee, including the Committee's enabling legislation, its current composition and diversity, and its meeting schedule, is attached to this memo.

A blank Boards/Committees Application form is attached for your convenience. If you wish to nominate a candidate, please either complete the application form and return to me or provide me your candidate's contact information. We will gladly reach out to any candidates you wish to nominate. Also included is a Prospective Member Information Package that you may send to any candidate you identify.

Attachments:

Audit Committee Attendance Record
Background information on the Internal Audit Committee
Boards/Committees Application form
Prospective member information package