

STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

State Compliance Examination For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 19				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
	New	Repeat	<u>Total</u>	Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Category 1:	1	3	4	2021	22-2	22-5, 22-14, 22-16	
Category 2:	7	8	15				
				2020	22-1	22-6, 22-13,	
Category 3:	_0	0	_0			22-17	
TOTAL	8	11	19	2009	22-3		
				2008		22-11	
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 23				2005		22-12	

INTRODUCTION

This digest covers our State Compliance Examination of the University of Illinois for the year ended June 30, 2022. A separate Financial Audit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 was previously released on February 16, 2023. A separate Single Audit for the year ended June 30, 2022 was previously released on March 23, 2023. In total, this report contains 19 findings, 10 of which were reported in the Financial Audit and Single Audit collectively.

SYNOPSIS

- (22-14) The University did not report certain automobile accidents involving University vehicles to the Department of Central Management Services in a timely manner.
- (22-16) The University did not ensure employees completed their initial ethics and sexual harassment training in accordance with the requirements of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

Category 1: Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).

Category 2: Findings that are significant deficiencies in internal control and noncompliance with State laws and regulations.

Category 3: Findings that have no internal control issues but are in noncompliance with State laws and regulations.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

UNTIMELY VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTING

The University of Illinois (University) did not report certain automobile accidents involving University vehicles to the Department of Central Management Services in a timely manner.

During our testing of the operation of University vehicles, we noted the University reported 171 accidents involving University vehicles to the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) during fiscal year 2022. The Urbana Champaign campus reported 119 accidents, the Chicago campus reported 46 accidents and the Springfield campus reported six accidents.

Accidents were not being reported timely

- Of the 119 accidents reported by the Urbana-Champaign campus, 29 (24%) were not reported timely and ranged from one to 13 days late.
- Of the 46 accidents reported by the Chicago campus, twelve (26%) were not reported timely and ranged from one to 34 days late.

In addition, we noted the following:

- Of the 118 accidents reported to the Urbana-Champaign campus, 25 (21%) involving University vehicles were not reported timely to the Urbana-Champaign campus' motor pool and ranged from one to 10 days late.
- Of the 49 accidents reported to the Chicago campus, eleven (22%) were not reported timely to the Chicago campus' Transportation Office and ranged from one to 264 days late, and three (6%) lacked documentary evidence of when the accident was reported, thus the timeliness could not be determined.
- Upon further review of the University's listing of accidents, we noted the Urbana-Champaign campus and Chicago campus submitted one accident claim each to CMS but did not include them in the University's listing. (Finding 14, Pages 36-37)

We recommended the University implement procedures to ensure accidents are reported in a timely manner. We also recommended the University ensure policies and procedures are clearly understood and followed by all personnel responsible for the oversight of University vehicles within each department.

University agreed with the auditors

University officials accepted the recommendation.

INADEQUATE CONTROLS OVER COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES ETHICS ACT

The University of Illinois did not ensure employees completed their initial ethics and sexual harassment training in accordance with the requirements of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

During our review of 60 employees, including 11 newly hired employees, required to complete ethics and sexual harassment training for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, we noted the following:

New employee ethics and sexual harassment trainings were completed late

- Four of the 11 (36%) new employees did not timely complete the initial ethics training as required. Ethics trainings were completed 10-64 days late.
- Eight of the 11 (73%) new employees did not timely complete the initial sexual harassment training as required. Sexual harassment trainings were completed 16-219 days late. (Finding 16, Page 40)

We recommended the University strengthen its controls to ensure all employees complete their initial ethics and sexual harassment training in accordance with the requirements of the State Officials and Employee Ethics Act.

University agreed with the auditors

University officials accepted the recommendation.

OTHER FINDINGS

The remaining findings are reportedly being given attention by the University. We will review the University's progress towards the implementation of our recommendations in the next engagement.

AUDITOR'S OPINIONS

The financial audit was previously released. Our auditors stated the financial statements of the University of Illinois as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 are fairly stated in all material respects.

The single audit was previously released. Our auditors also conducted a Single Audit of the University as required by the Uniform Guidance and stated the University complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the University's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The accountants conducted a State compliance examination of the University for the year ended June 30, 2022, as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The accountants qualified their report on State compliance for Findings 2021-001 through 2021-004. Except for the noncompliance described in these findings, the accountants stated the University complied, in all material respects, with the requirements described in the report.

The State Compliance Examination was conducted by RSM US LLP.

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