

MINUTES
MEETING
of the
ERIE TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION
AUDIT COMMITTEE

March 12, 2025

Erie County Division of Budget and Management Conference Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Independent Director Patricia Johnson, Independent Director David Zaleski, and Designated Director Bryan Bingel.

ALSO PRESENT

Mark Cornell (Chairman & President), Kimberly Kajdasz (Treasurer), Aaron Rubin; Matthew Montalbo and Aimee Hensley of Drescher & Malecki, LLP.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Independent Director Patricia Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. Quorum present. Aaron Rubin acted as secretary of the meeting.

2. MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Minutes of the February 10, 2025, meeting of the Audit Committee were adopted and approved upon motion by Designated Director Bryan Bingel, seconded by Independent Director David Zaleski and approved unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Review of the Corporation's Draft 2024 Audited Financial Statement with Independent Auditors.

A. Matthew Montalbo and Aimee Hensley reviewed Drescher & Malecki LLP's Audit Summary, during and after which the following comments were made regarding Drescher & Malecki LLP's 2024 Independent Auditor's Report and required communications:

- i. The audit proceeded as standard with no exceptions, difficulties, or scope limitations. The auditors worked with ETASC staff and representatives of Lumsden McCormick.
- ii. There was nothing to impair the auditor's independence from the Corporation and compliance with the professional standards of independence.
- iii. The independent auditor's opinion is that the Corporation has good control procedures and its financial statements fairly represent its financial position as a result of operations and can be relied upon by outside parties as well as the board.

- iv. Overall trends continue to decline and have declined at increasing rates in recent years.
- B. Matthew Montalbo and Aimee Hensley reviewed the Corporation's Draft Audited Financial Statements for 2024 and discussed revenue estimates and trends impacting the Corporation.
 - i. The testing rate was 100%
- C. The Audit Committee resolved to accept the Audited Financial Statement for 2024 as presented to the Committee, to submit it to the full Board of Directors and to recommend that the Board of Directors approve, on motion by Patricia Johnson, seconded by David Zaleski and approved unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Bryan Bingel moved to adjourn, seconded by Patricia Johnson. Motion unanimously approved and the Audit Committee meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.



Aaron Rubin

Secretary of the Meeting