

Texas State Board of Pharmacy

Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Internal Audit Report
August 31, 2024

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I. Compliance with Texas Government Code, Section 2102.015: Posting the Internal Audit Plan, Internal Audit Annual Report, and Other Audit information on Internet Web site

Texas Government Code, Section 2102.015 requires state agencies and higher education institutions, as defined in the statute, to post their Internal Audit Plan, Internal Audit Annual Report, and other audit information on the Internet.

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) will post this report and its Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Audit Plan on its website at <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/about/reports/annual-internal-audit-reports.asp>. TSBP's Board reviewed and approved the Annual Internal Audit Report as part of their regular meeting held on August 6, 2024. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2102.015, TSBP will post the Annual Internal Audit Report and Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Audit Plan on its website within 30 days of the Board's approval.

TSBP will update its posting with a detailed summary of the weaknesses, deficiencies, wrongdoings or other concerns raised by performance of the audit plan as they are identified. TSBP will also update the posting with the corrective action taken to address any issues identified.

II. Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2024

The internal audits planned and performed for fiscal year 2024 were selected to address the agency's open internal audit findings and significant processes that have not been previously audited. The audits conducted during fiscal year 2024 are listed below.

Internal Audit	Report #	Report Date	Current Status
Information Technology Services	#2024-01	May 1, 2024	Complete Internal Audit included an evaluation of risks and internal controls in place related to TSBP's information technology services processes. Follow-up procedures will be performed in fiscal year 2025.
Compliance Monitoring/Peer Assistance Follow-up	#2024-02	May 16, 2024	Complete Follow-up procedures to verify that corrective action has been performed on the remaining open finding is included in the proposed 2025 Internal Audit Plan.
Enforcement	#2024-02	May 16, 2024	Complete Follow-up procedures to verify that corrective action has been performed on the remaining open finding is included in the proposed 2025 Internal Audit Plan.

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III. Consulting Services and Nonaudit Services Completed

Weaver, as TSBP's Internal Auditor, did not perform any consulting services, as defined in the Institute of Internal Audit Auditors' International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing or any non-audit services, as defined in the Government Auditing Standards, 2011 Revision, Sections 3.33 – 3.58, or Government Auditing Standards, 2018 Revision, Sections 3.64-3.106, as applicable.

IV. External Quality Assurance Review

In accordance with professional standards, and to meet the requirements of the Texas Internal Auditing Act, Internal Audit is required to undergo an external quality assurance review at least once every three years. Weaver's review was performed in September 2022.



Report on Firm's System of Quality Control

September 19, 2022

To the Partners of Weaver & Tidwell, L.L.P.
and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Weaver & Tidwell, L.L.P. (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a system review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

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Peer Reviewer’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm’s system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act; audits of employee benefit plans, an audit performed under FDICIA, and examinations of service organizations [SOC 1 and SOC 2 engagements.]

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Weaver & Tidwell, L.L.P. applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Weaver & Tidwell, L.L.P. has received a peer review rating of *pass*.



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V. Internal Audit Plan

The Internal Audit Plan was submitted to the TSBP Board. The Board approved the plan on August 6, 2024 based on the risk assessment update performed on July 16, 2024. Below is the Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Audit Plan submitted to the agency’s Board based on the results of the 2024 Internal Audit Risk Assessment update.

Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Audit Plan		
Audit Area	Risk Rating	Estimated Hours
Agency Compliance and Compliance Reporting	High	125

Planned follow-up procedures for fiscal year 2025 to verify and communicate with TSBP Management the remediation efforts of prior Internal Audit Recommendations.

Fiscal Year 2025 Follow-up Procedures		
Audit Area	Risk Rating	Estimated Hours
Enforcement	High	40
Information Technology Services	High	

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As part of the risk assessment, TSBP assesses the probability and impact of the following risk categories across all significant activities of the agency, which include the information technology risks and considerations related to Title 1, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 202:

- financial stability and fraud risk
- operations and compliance risk
- information technology risk
- organization and human capital risk, and
- reputational risk

Taking into consideration the input from the TSBP management, all significant activities are assigned a risk rating for probability and impact related to each risk category. The overall risk rating (High, Moderate or Low) is assigned to each significant activity based on the activity's average risk rating.

The internal audit plan is developed by considering risk ratings for each significant activity and prioritizing "High" risk activities. The risk assessment is updated on an annual basis.

The 2024 Internal Audit Risk Assessment update resulted in 11 Significant Activities rated as "High" risk. Eight of these significant activities are not included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Audit Plan. Those activities are as follows:

1. Information Security
2. Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity
3. License Renewal
4. Licensing
5. Revenue
6. Reporting
7. Procurement
8. Inspections

VI. External Audit Services Procured in FY 2024

Other than the contract with Weaver to provide outsourced internal audit services, TSBP did not procure any external audit services during the fiscal year 2024.

VII. Reporting Suspected Fraud, Waste and Abuse

In accordance with the requirements of Section 7.09, the General Appropriations Act (86th Legislature, Conference Committee Report) Article IX, and Texas Government Code, Section 321.022, the Board utilizes the Texas State Auditor's Office Hotline for reporting allegations of fraud, waste or abuse. The Board posts a link on the TSBP home page at <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/index.asp> to connect users directly to the State Auditor's Office webpage for reporting suspected fraud, waste, or abuse.

If the Executive Director of TSBP believes that any money received from the state is lost, misappropriated, or misused, or that other fraudulent or unlawful conduct has occurred in relation to the operation of the Agency, the Executive Director, or their designee will report the reason and basis for that belief to the State Auditor's Office. If any investigation is deemed necessary, the Executive Director and Agency staff will coordinate the investigation with the State Auditor's Office.