

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Overture Room, 2nd Floor
Gordon Dining & Event Center
770 W. Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin
& via Zoom Videoconference

- A. Calling of the Roll
- B. Declaration of Conflicts
- C. Proposed Consent Agenda:
 - 1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2026, Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Meeting
 - 2. Office of Internal Audit: Fiscal Year 2027 Audit Plan Progress Report
- D. Office of Internal Audit
 - 1. Results of Reports Recently Issued
 - 2. Summary Report of Integrity Hotline Activity
- E. Office of Compliance and Risk Management
 - 1. Proposed UW Enterprise Risk Management Framework for Fiscal Year 2027
 - 2. Office of Compliance and Integrity's Data Collection: Update on Title IX
- F. Move into closed session to:
 - 1. Consider strategies for crime prevention and detection, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(d), Wis. Stats.; and
 - 2. Deliberate and negotiate contracts that require a closed session for competitive or bargaining reasons, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats.

**OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT
FISCAL YEAR 2027 AUDIT PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

REQUESTED ACTION

For information and discussion.

SUMMARY

One of the responsibilities of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee, as outlined in the committee charter, is to review and approve the annual internal audit plan and receive interim progress reports at least quarterly.

The attached chart provides a summary of audit progress for the Fiscal Year 2027 Audit Plan.

Presenter

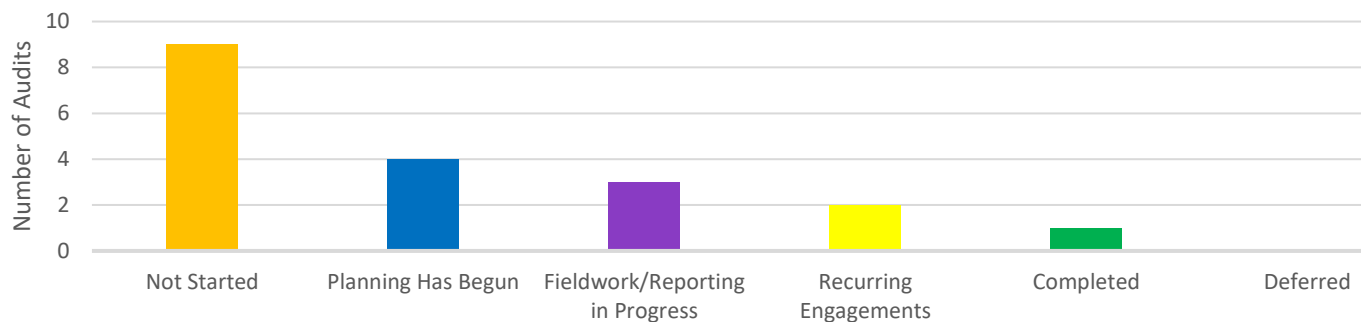
- Lori Stortz, Chief Audit Executive

ATTACHMENTS

- A) Universities of Wisconsin Office of Internal Audit Fiscal Year 2027 Audit Plan Progress Chart.

**OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT
FISCAL YEAR 2027 AUDIT PLAN PROGRESS**

	Title	Risks
1	Payroll (Recurring Engagement)	Fraud, Data Accuracy, Compliance with Policy
2	Purchasing Cards (Recurring Engagement)	Fraud, Embezzlement, Compliance with Policy
3	Budgetary Controls at UW-Madison	Fraud, Compliance, Reputational
4	Cash and Cash Equivalents Handling	Misappropriation of Cash, Lack of Internal Controls Over Cash
5	Cybersecurity	Data Security, Fraud, Operational, Compliance with Policy
6	Information Technology (IT) Distributed Units	Data Security, Operational, Reputational
7	Internal Assessment Fiscal Year 2027	Conformance with Institute of Internal Audit (IIA) Standards
8	National Automated Clearing House Association (Nacha) Operating Rules	Compliance, Operational
9	Physical Access Security	Human Safety, Reputational, Compliance with Policy
10	Research Administration Management Portal (RAMP)	Data Security, Operations, Compliance with Grant Requirements
11	Research Administration Management Portal (RAMP) – Phase 2	Delayed Award Submissions, Noncompliance, Documentation Quality and Completeness, Financial, Reputational
12	Segregated Fees	Financial, Compliance with Policy, Reputational
13	Shared Services Advisory	Compliance, Operational
14	Third-Party Artificial Intelligence (AI) Procurement and Contracting Advisory	Data Security and Privacy, Vendor Use of Data, Intellectual Property, Reputational
15	Workday	Separation of Duties, Change Management, Operational
16	NCAA Athletics Division I Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements	Compliance with NCAA Agreed-Upon Procedures
17	NCAA Athletics Division II Consulting Project	Compliance with NCAA Agreed-Upon Procedures
18	Office of Educational Opportunity (OEO)	Compliance
19	Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Grants	Grant Compliance, Fraud



Bar graph reflects the number of audits per stage of completion, with various stages on the x-axis and the number of audits on the y-axis. Not Started 9 audits, Planning Has Begun 4 audits, Fieldwork/Reporting in Progress 3 audits, Recurring Engagements 2 audits, Completed 1 audit, Deferred 0 audits.

**OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT
RESULTS OF REPORTS RECENTLY ISSUED**

REQUESTED ACTION

For information and discussion.

SUMMARY

Since the July 16, 2026, meeting of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee, the Office of Internal Audit has issued the following reports:

- Office of Internal Audit Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2026
- Segregated Fees – Executive Summary

Presenter

- Lori Stortz, Chief Audit Executive

BACKGROUND

One of the responsibilities of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee, as outlined in the committee charter, is to summarize results of reports recently issued.

**OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT
SUMMARY REPORT OF INTEGRITY HOTLINE ACTIVITY**

REQUESTED ACTION

For information and discussion.

SUMMARY

For the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, 54 hotline cases were reported. The dissemination, analysis, investigation, and resolution of the incidents reported to the hotline continues to go well. As of June 30, 2026, 43 of the incidents had been closed.

- 29 of the incidents did not require an investigation or the Office of Internal Audit concurred with management that no corrective action was necessary;
- 2 were referred;
- 12 resulted in corrective action being taken.

The Office of Internal Audit has received reports of incidents in each of the risk categories, with most classified as student relations. Cases were open an average of 51.6 days.

Presenter

- Lori Stortz, Chief Audit Executive

BACKGROUND

The UW System Integrity Hotline went live on May 15, 2015. The Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee requested periodic updates to ensure reports are being addressed in a timely manner.

The hotline was rebranded and a new communication strategy was launched in the summer of 2021. The strategy was designed by UW System Office of Public Affairs & Communications who then provided templates of communication materials to the institutions. The institutions were asked to promote the hotline in the manner most appropriate for their stakeholders.

**PROPOSED UW ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

REQUESTED ACTION

For information and discussion.

SUMMARY

In accordance with the Board of Regent's Audit, Risk, and Compliance (ARC) Committee's approved February 2025 Charter, the ARC Committee is now responsible for ensuring that the Universities of Wisconsin are formally identifying and managing major risks through an effective enterprise risk management (ERM) framework.

In support of said oversight responsibility, the Office of Compliance and Risk Management (OCRM) has developed a proposed ERM framework and governance structure for the ARC Committee's review which serves as part of the "Risk" component of the Risk, Compliance, and Audit (RCA) Program. The presentation will outline the key elements of the proposed framework and governance model. Following the presentation and discussion with the ARC Committee, OCRM will finalize the framework through collaboration and engagement with Universities of Wisconsin leadership and begin implementation efforts during Fiscal Year 2027.

Presenters

- Paige Smith, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, UWSA
- Joseph Rayzor, Director of Risk Management, UWSA

BACKGROUND

In 2023, OCRM launched the RCA Program which serves as a voluntary ERM process that participating universities and UWSA may use to conduct ERM activities. This program continues to be used by a number of universities as well as UWSA as the current framework for managing major risks.

In February of 2025, the ARC Committee's Charter was amended by adding an additional governance oversight role regarding the management and mitigation of significant and major risks of the Universities of Wisconsin.

**OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INTEGRITY'S
DATA COLLECTION: UPDATE ON TITLE IX**

REQUESTED ACTION

For information and discussion.

SUMMARY

This presentation will provide an overview of the most recent data collected by the UWSA Office of Compliance and Integrity (OCI) from the universities for Fiscal Year 2025 period involving sexual misconduct reports that align with the rights and protections under the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Presenters

- Paige Smith, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Office of Compliance and Risk Management
- Dany Thompson, Title IX Compliance Specialist, Office of Compliance and Integrity
- Sandi Scott, Dean of Students, UW-Stout Polytechnic

BACKGROUND

The OCI serves as a central resource for the Universities of Wisconsin, offering guidance, expertise, and support in several high-risk areas, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. In pursuit of its mission to uphold compliance and effectively monitor risks, OCI undertakes a systematic process to collect data related to sexual misconduct and Title IX compliance.

Through its coordinated efforts with the universities, OCI gathers information on key data points associated with sexual misconduct cases and Title IX requirements. This data collection process enables universities to track and manage reports of sexual misconduct, disciplinary actions, and outcomes. By capturing these details, OCI supports institutions in identifying, evaluating, and understanding the nature, type, and extent of incidents. All activities are carried out in alignment with relevant policies, statutes, and regulations to ensure comprehensive compliance and accountability.