

# City Auditor Nominating Commission Update

Finance and Audit Committee  
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# City Code – Section 2-17.2

- The City Code (as revised November 10, 2004) requires the City Auditor Nominating Commission be comprised of 5 members (including a chair and vice-chair):
  - One selected by the Board of Directors of the Dallas Chapter/Texas Society of CPAs
  - One must be the Dallas Regional Director of the U. S. Government Accountability Office, or the highest ranking auditor of the Dallas division of the USGAO.

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- Three members must meet any one of the following 4 qualifications:
  1. Be a Managing Partner of a multi-national public accounting firm with an office in Dallas (excluding any firm under contract with the City to provide external audit services)
  2. Be a chief executive officer (within the past 3 years), chief financial officer, or chief auditor of an internal audit group, of a publicly traded company headquartered in Dallas County that has at least one billion dollars in annual revenue (no Dallas residency requirement)
  3. Be a former Dallas Mayor or Councilmember
  4. Be a current or former Dallas City Auditor

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- The commission shall meet within 15 days of appointment
- The Director of Human Resources shall assist the Nominating Commission, when necessary, in seeking and screening applicants
- Within 180 days of the first meeting, the Commission shall nominate one or more City Auditor candidates to the City Council

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- The Council shall, within 30 days, accept one of the nominated candidates or reject all of the candidates
- If the Council rejects all nominated candidates, the Nominating Commission is requested to nominate different candidates

# Current Status

- The City Auditor resigned effective October 12, 2004
- Staff initially contacted USGAO and Dallas Regional Director Elliot Smith.
  - He agreed to serve on the Commission
  - Mr. Smith recently announced his retirement
  - A new Dallas Regional Director is expected to be named soon

# Current Status

- Staff has contacted the Dallas Chapter/Texas Society of CPAs
  - The Board of Directors has selected Walter E. Muller, Jr. to serve on the Commission

# Current Status

- Staff has contacted former City Auditor, Daniel Paul
  - If appointed, he would serve on the Commission (including commuting from his secondary residence in Baltimore, Maryland)

# Current Status

- Staff has attempted to contact PricewaterhouseCoopers' Managing Partner, Maribess Miller
  - Ms. Miller served on the previous City Auditor Nominating Commission
  - At this point, staff has only been able to “trade phone messages” with Ms. Miller

# Next Steps

- Identify candidates for the final 3 Commission seats
  - Information from the Dallas Business Journal's 2005 Book of Lists is attached
- City Secretary qualification review of those recommended

# Next Steps

- Council agenda item to consider appointments to the Commission
  - The Mayor designates a chair and the City Council designates a vice-chair