

## Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

Thrift Savings Fund

October 26, 2021

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# Agenda

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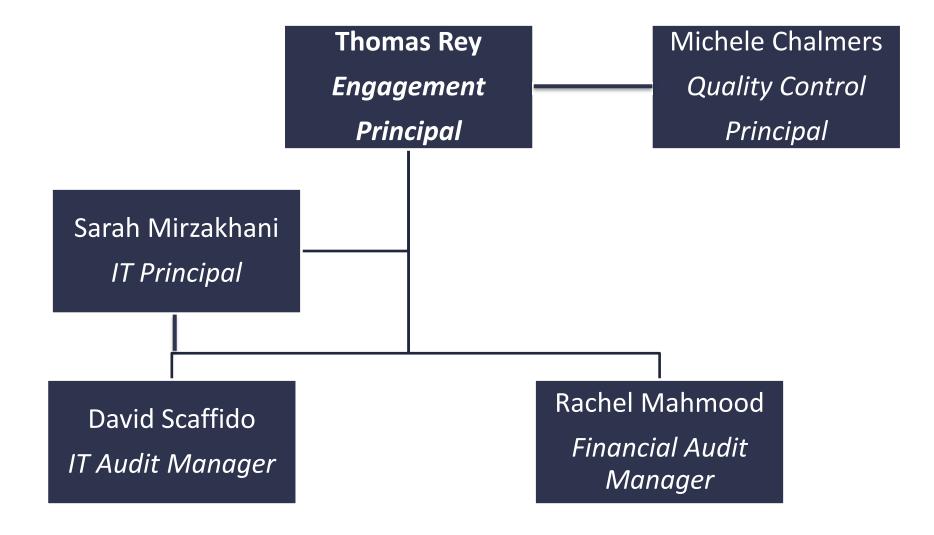


June 30, 2021 Review

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# Engagement Team







# Scope of Services

- Review of financial statements of Thrift Savings Fund for the Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2021
  - Conducted in accordance with standards generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to reviews of interim financial information
  - Substantially less in scope than an audit
  - Not expressing an opinion regarding the interim financial information
  - Performed analyses of financial data, principally analytical procedures
  - Inquired as to changes in internal controls over financial reporting and general computer and application controls
  - Made inquiries of Agency personnel those responsible for financial and accounting matters
  - Work performed remotely





# Summary of Results

- Independent Auditors' Review Report
  - Not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the June 30, 2021 interim financial information for it to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- No opinion on internal controls expressed
- As part of our review procedures, we updated our understanding of internal controls
  - We did not test operating effectiveness of the controls
  - We did not test any changes made to improve areas commented on in previous years





## Governance Communications

### **Overall**

- Purpose is to communicate review results to governance
- There was no change in the scope of the testing
- No changes in accounting policies
- Management did not consult with other accountants on the application of GAAP or GAAS
- Significant disclosures
- None

#### **Estimates**

- Valuation of investments
- Contribution receivables

### **Difficulties**

- No difficulties encountered in dealing with management in performing and completing our review; management was well prepared and easy to work with
- No disagreements encountered

### Other

- Uncorrected and Corrected misstatements
- None
- Financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.
- Management representations







## Status of Prior Year Findings

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  - We did not test operating effectiveness of the controls
  - We did not test any changes made to improve areas commented on in previous years
- We did update our understanding of status of prior recommendations (summarized next slides)





### Plans of Action and Milestones:

The Agency is focusing remediation efforts, and the POA&M process, on higher risk items within the High Value Asset (HVA) systems. To date, the Agency has added milestones to majority of these POA&Ms. The Agency is currently in the process of scheduling completion dates and milestones for the higher risk items. This process is scheduled to be completed by November 30, 2021.

### Account Management:

 The Agency has developed refresher training material to provide education on the offboarding process and importance of timely notification of the offboarding request.
 The refresher training material has been dispensed on a quarterly basis since April 2021. The Agency confirmed completion on July 27, 2021.





### Segregation of Duties for Omni System Users

 The Agency will revisit this finding and recommendation during the Converge transition to ensure the underlying risks are mitigated. The Agency plans to complete the Converge transition by December 31, 2022.

### Segregation of Duties for Savantage Admin Users

 As of January 2021, the Agency has appointed a backup administrator to fulfill the role of database administrator in the event the primary administrator is unavailable. The Agency confirmed completion on May 19, 2021.

### ISCP for Primary and Alternate Data Centers

 The Agency has updated the System Contingency Plans to reflect the appropriate locations of the primary and alternate data centers. The Agency confirmed completion on July 7, 2021.





### Data Center SSAE 18 Reports

 The Agency has updated the Data Centers Access Procedures to include a section that outlines the process for requesting, assessing, and reviewing the Data Center's SSAE Reports. The updated procedures were signed on April 6, 2021. The Agency confirmed completion on June 8, 2021.



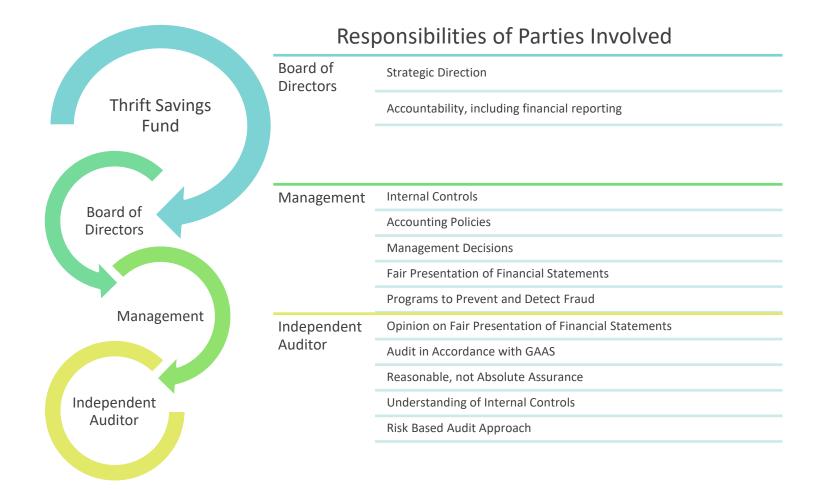




# December 31, 2021 Audit Planning

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# Audit Scope and Deliverables







# Risk-Based Approach

• Management Override of Controls • Investments –Valuation

**Significant or Fraud Risks** (Other Risks Nature)

• Review design and perform tests to validate they are functioning.

**Inherent Risk** 

- Investments
- Estimates
  - Contributions
  - Fair Value of Investments

**Detection Risk** 

(Audit Procedures Fail to Detect a Material Misstatement)

- New tests annually to avoid familiarity with audit process
- Use of data analytics on large volumes of data





Audit Risk = the risk of an undetected material

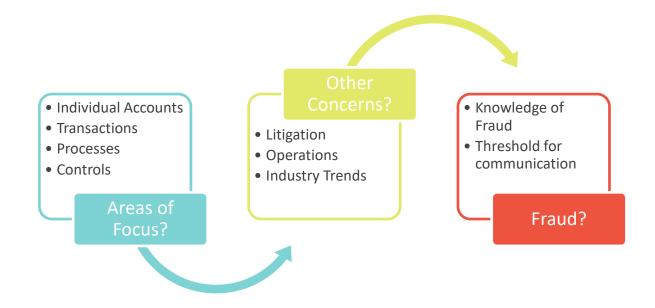
misstatement due to error or fraud.

Preliminary Risk Assessment to reduce the audit risk to an

appropriately low level.

# Governance Input

As independent auditors, we work **for** governance and work **with** management to accomplish the audit. Your input is valued as we develop our audit plan and approach.







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