



Report to the Audit and Compliance Committee of the
UHS Board of Regents on:

UHS BOARD OF REGENTS'
TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINMENT, FY 2022
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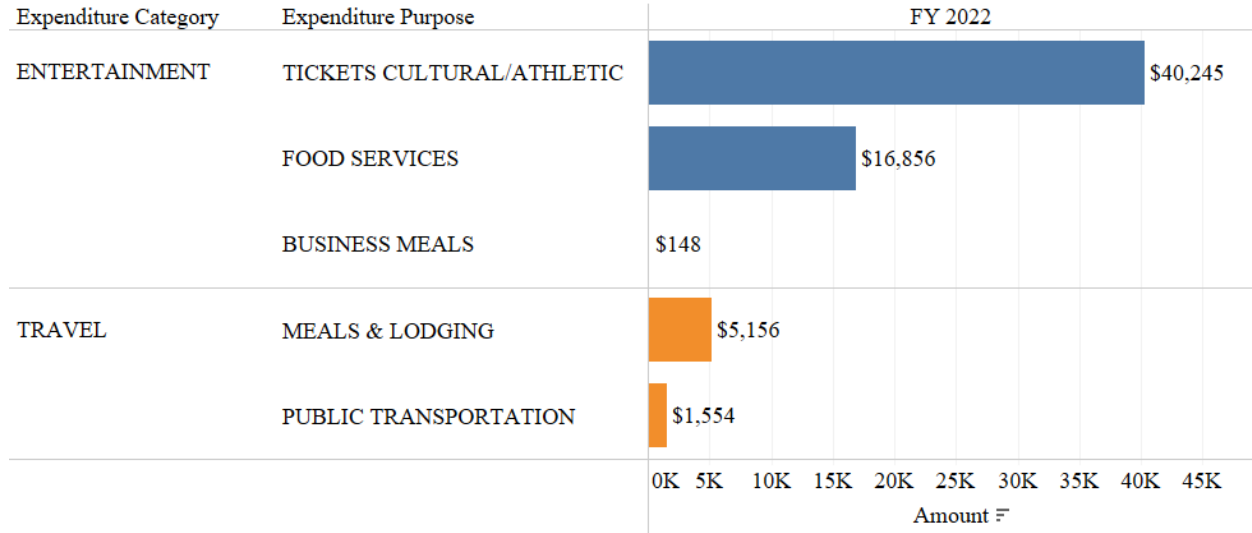
We reviewed travel and entertainment expenditures of the members of the University of Houston System (UHS) Board of Regents (BOR) for fiscal year 2022 funded by accounts of the BOR Office as part of our annual audit plan. It should be noted that in some cases, travel and entertainment expenditures for regents may be funded by accounts other than the BOR Office accounts and by outside organizations. The objective of our review was to determine whether expenditures for travel and entertainment were appropriately documented and allowable under system and board policies.

OVERALL AUDIT OPINION AND OBSERVATIONS

The travel and entertainment expenditures of the regents for the year ended August 31, 2022, were appropriately documented and allowable under system and board policies.

The chart below provides the breakdown of FY 2022 travel and entertainment expenditures by expenditure purpose.

FY 2022 Expenditures by Purpose



UHS BOARD OF REGENTS'

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INTRODUCTION

It is important that the public have confidence that Board of Regents' member expenditures for travel and entertainment are allowable and appropriately documented. To safeguard assets, the University of Houston System's management has instituted policies related to board members' travel and entertainment expenditures. In addition, the Board of Regents has instituted policies related to travel and entertainment expenditures.

The UHS Department of Internal Auditing developed an annual audit plan based upon a system-wide risk assessment to identify significant areas of risk facing the University of Houston System. All the audits on the audit plan are conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), and the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Audit, published by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

BACKGROUND

At the request of the UHS Board of Regents, the Internal Auditing Department conducts annual reviews of the travel and entertainment expenditures of the board members. This review is scheduled in the annual audit plan.

OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The objective of this review was to determine whether expenditures for travel and entertainment were appropriately documented and allowable under system and board policies.

The scope of this review was limited to travel and entertainment for the UHS Regents that were funded by accounts of the Board of Regents Office. It should be noted that in some cases, travel and entertainment expenditures for the regents may be funded by accounts other than the Board of Regents Office accounts and by outside organizations.

Information relevant to this audit was obtained through:

- Reviewing UHS and BOR policies.
- Obtaining travel and entertainment expenditure data from PeopleSoft Finance.
- Reviewing entertainment documentation from PeopleSoft Finance.
- Reviewing travel documentation from Concur Travel.

CONCLUSION

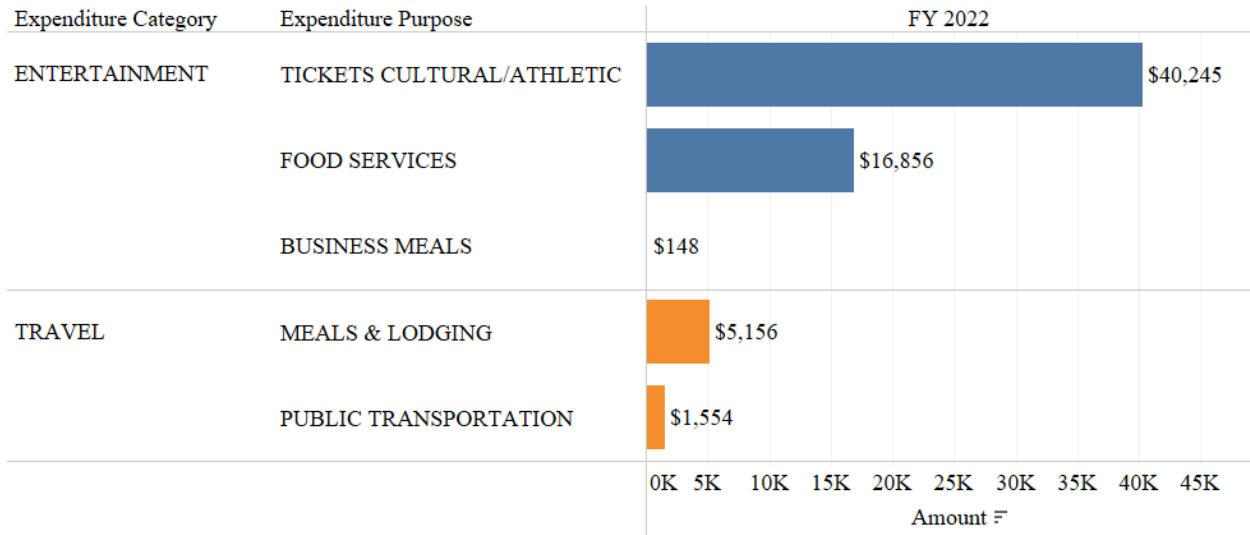
We reviewed travel and entertainment expenditures of the members of the Board of Regents for fiscal year 2022 funded by accounts of the Board of Regents Office. We determined that there were \$6,710 of travel related charges and \$57,248 of entertainment related charges. A breakdown of these expenditures is represented in the exhibit below.

In our opinion, the travel and entertainment expenditures for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022, were appropriately documented and allowable under system and board policies.

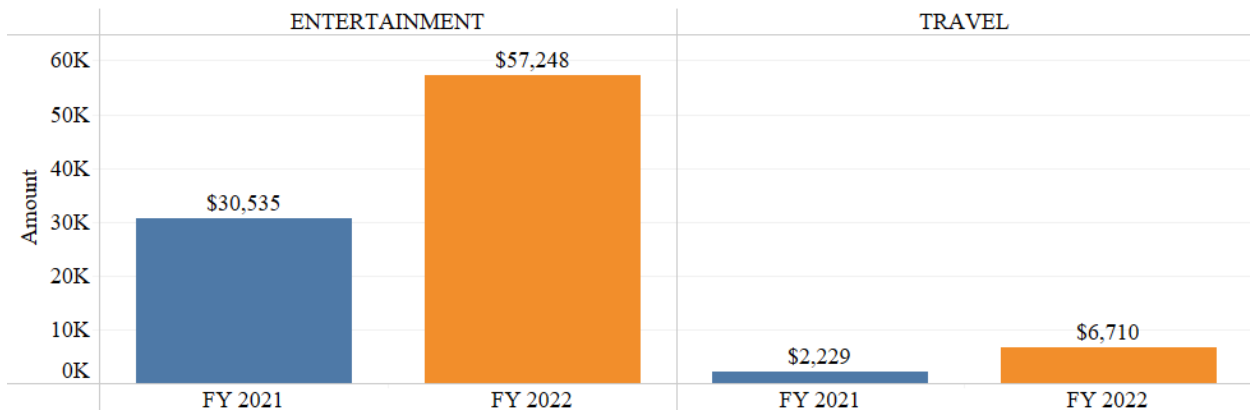
EXPENDITURES EXHIBIT

The breakdown by category and purpose of expenditure is provided in the below charts.

FY 2022 Expenditures by Purpose



Expenditure Changes FY 2021 vs FY 2022



FY 2022 and FY 2021 Travel & Entertainment Expenditures

Expenditure Category	Expenditure Purpose	FY 2021	FY 2022 =
ENTERTAINMENT	TICKETS CULTURAL/ATHLETIC	\$20,390	\$40,245
	FOOD SERVICES	\$10,145	\$16,856
	BUSINESS MEALS		\$148
	Total	\$30,535	\$57,248
TRAVEL	MEALS & LODGING	\$2,229	\$5,156
	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION		\$1,554
	Total	\$2,229	\$6,710
Grand Total		\$32,764	\$63,958

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The UHS Department of Internal Auditing would like to thank the Board of Regents Office for their cooperation and assistance during this audit process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip W. Hurd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish over the first name.

Phillip W. Hurd
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