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Meeting Minutes – LSUIC Audit Report Public Discussion

Fiscal Years Covered:

2023–2025

Leadership Under:

Hon. Jacob Cephus Johnson as National President (former)

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Olano Teah Bloh, LSUIC National President (current)

Date of Audit Committee Appointment:

August 31, 2025

Key Documents Submitted:

Management letter (February 19, 2026 for period ending June 30, 2024);
updated management letter (April 2, 2026 covering additional years), Final
reports (June 10, and 11 2026 covering both years)

Meeting Format:

Public discussion, recorded on LSUIC YouTube channel

1. Opening and Context

The meeting was led by National President Hon. Olano Teah Bloh, who explained that the National Executive Committee (NEC) appointed the audit committee on August 31, 2025 to review financial records from 2023 to 2025. The committee was confirmed by the CoC on October 2, 2025 to start work. The committee submitted its first management letter on February 19, 2026 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, followed by an updated management letter on April 2, 2026 covering additional years. The NEC shared these reports with the joint leadership and convened the April 8th meeting with the Council of Coordinators (CoC), Judicial Board (JB) All auditees, the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the Audit Committee (AC) to discuss findings and way forward.

2. Audit Report Presentation by Audit Committee Chairperson

Hon. Robert Borlay Kaba, Audit Committee Chairperson, presented findings and recommendations regarding the Liberian Student Union's financial reports for the fiscal years 2023–2024 and 2024–2025.

Key findings:

1. No approved financial policy existed, as the Council of Coordinators (CoC) never approved any policy under the 2023–2025 leadership. The leadership operated without a
2. Inadequate loan documentation.

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3. Discrepancies in financial reporting across different officers' submissions (financial secretaries, treasurers, president).
4. The 2023–2024 report received an unqualified opinion.
5. The 2024–2025 report received a qualified opinion due to unresolved material misstatements.
6. Expenditure records for 2023–2025 were not properly accounted for in the 2024–2025 financial reports. Money was paid to conferences but not properly documented as recurrent expenditure.
7. Separate reports from each office holder (financial secretary, treasurer, president) were expected, but confusion existed over whether combined reports had been submitted.

3. Key Concerns Raised by Attendees

Hon. Jacob Cephus Johnson (former President)

1. Claimed significant funds were missing or unaccounted for under his leadership, with amounts ranging from 22,000 to 38,000 RMB.
2. Questioned the investigation process and omission of certain financial details, including WeChat and Alipay accounts, treasury funds, and conference expenditures.
3. Emphasized the importance of having a joint call with all financial officers in the audit process.
4. Highlighted previous discrepancies identified during check and balance procedures under his presidency.
5. Stated that he resigned after discovering discrepancies.

Hon. Lydia Pennoh (Lovly)

1. Raised concerns about an alleged missing 22,000 RMB that was not reflected in the audit report, but have been circulating on the LSUIC platforms.

Hon. Robert Borlay Kaba's (Audit Chairperson) response

1. Explained that the audit identified inconsistencies in financial records but did not confirm any specific amount such as 22,000 RMB.
2. Stated that if such discrepancies exist, they must be reported directly to leadership for further investigation.

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3. Clarified that the audit committee worked with the financial documents provided and conducted queries through written communications, not formal joint hearings.
4. Questioned why the committee was not informed about problems with the 2023–2024 financial report that had been previously rejected at a national conference.
5. Raised concerns about potential fraud if multiple versions of financial reports existed.

Hon. Viola (Member of the Judicial Board)

1. Questioned the audit committee's efforts to recover missing documents.
2. Called for joint hearings with all parties involved.

Hon. Koko

1. Suggested that proper documentation should have been maintained throughout the periods in question.

Hon. Nevis

1. Suggested that the NEC should file a formal complaint with the Judiciary Board (JB) based on the audit report rather than holding further discussions.

Hon. Kebbeh D.H. Tarnue (Choice) - (Former Treasurer for 2023-2024, and later held both positions as NFSG and NT from Quarter 2 of 2024 to Quarter 4 of 2025)

1. Discussed discrepancies including missing daily login data and unaccounted funds.
2. Emphasized that all received funds were properly turned over.
3. Explained that discrepancies were only discovered after receiving daily login data in mid-2025, when requests for funds from Jiangsu Province revealed inconsistencies between reported and actual amounts. Hon. Willie asked why she didn't report such in her turnover report to the next leadership, or during the fourth quarter meeting, but kept quiet until after their time in office.

Hon. Florence Cetee (Former National Financial Secretary for 2023-2024, and Quarter 1 of 2024-2025)

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1. Explained that the reported 4,057 RMB received for the Jiangsu Treasury account was accurate.
2. Clarified that the 7,578 RMB difference mentioned in the management letter was due to conference expenditure reporting timing issues.
3. Detailed the handling of union accounts, including creation of new accounts for proper financial tracking.
4. Explained challenges in transferring WeChat accounts due to existing accounts among executive members.
5. Provided a detailed breakdown of conference expenses and income, including hotel payments, printing costs for awards, and outstanding receivables.
6. Clarified that all funds were properly accounted for despite some timing discrepancies.
7. Explained a 725 RMB offset balance related to payments made to President Johnson.

Hon. Jones

1. Expressed concerns that ongoing financial discussions were creating insecurity among new scholars.

Hon. Prince Y. Saydee

1. Reminded the national president of previous commitments regarding financial transparency and accountability.
2. Suggested that if the current process requires escalation, it should be referred to the Judiciary Board.

4. Next Steps

Judiciary Board (JB)

1. Conduct a public financial reconciliation with all auditees in the presence of the general student body. Identify whether any accusations made by auditees are true, false, or otherwise. Explore the possibility of recovering deleted or missing financial data and funds as mentioned by Hon. Johnson and Hon. Tarnue.

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2. Ensure that all future financial reports and audit processes are conducted with clear policies, roles, and documentation requirements to prevent future discrepancies.
3. Ensure that all auditees provide video recordings, documents, chat transcripts, and all reports from this and previous related meetings within one day of request.

Audit Committee Chairperson (Hon. Kaba)

1. Immediately submit all audit reports, management letters, and relevant financial documents to the Judiciary Board for further and legal investigations.
2. Ensure all video recordings and chat transcripts from this and previous related meetings are made public and accessible to the JB, CoC, and general membership.

Collaboration

1. All former and current financial officers (including Hon. Florence D. Moore, Hon. Kebbeh D.H. Tarnue, Hon. Mason, Hon. Johnson): Provide all original financial documents, daily logs, and any missing or requested documentation to the JB and CoC without delay.
2. Judiciary Board: Initiate formal investigation and hearings into the findings of the audit report, summon all relevant parties, and review all submitted evidence.
3. All involved parties (Hon. Florence D. Moore, Hon. Kebbeh D.H. Tarnue, Hon. Noah D. Mason, Hon. Jacob Cephus Johnson): Cooperate fully with the JB investigation, including attending hearings and providing clarifications as requested.
4. All parties with access to financial data (e.g., WeChat or Alipay accounts, SIM cards): Facilitate the transfer or documentation of all official union accounts and assets to current leadership and make all records available to the JB.

5. Summary of Resolutions

1. The audit report process was publicly presented and discussed.
2. Multiple discrepancies were identified, including missing documentation, lack of approved financial policies, unsubstantiated

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claims of missing funds, and timing differences in expenditure reporting.

3. The meeting concluded that the NEC should refer the matter to the Judiciary Board for formal investigation rather than continuing with further discussions.
4. All relevant documents, recordings, and transcripts are to be submitted to the JB within one day.
5. The JB will conduct a public financial reconciliation and investigation.

Signed:

The National Secretariat

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