



STATE OF ILLINOIS
**OFFICE OF THE
 AUDITOR GENERAL**

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

EXECUTIVE ETHICS COMMISSION

State Compliance Examination
 For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2025

Release Date: April 16, 2026

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 4				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
	<u>New</u>	<u>Repeat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Repeated Since</u>	<u>Category 1</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Category 3</u>
Category 1:	1	0	1	2023		3	
Category 2:	1	2	3	2021		2	
Category 3:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				
TOTAL	2	2	4				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 6							

SYNOPSIS

- **(25-01)** The Executive Ethics Commission’s (Commission) internal controls over its receipt processing function were not operating effectively during the examination period.

Category 1: Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).

Category 2: Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

Category 3: Findings that have **no internal control issues but are in noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RECEIPT PROCESSING INTERNAL CONTROLS NOT
OPERATING EFFECTIVELY**

The Executive Ethics Commission's (Commission) internal controls over its receipt processing function were not operating effectively during the examination period.

Due to our ability to rely upon the processing integrity of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System operated by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), we were able to limit our receipt testing at the Commission to determine whether certain key attributes were properly entered by the Commission's staff into the ERP System. In order to determine the operating effectiveness of the Commission's internal controls related to receipt processing, we selected a sample of key attributes (attributes) to determine if the attributes were properly entered into the ERP System based on supporting documentation. The attributes tested were 1) amount, 2) fund being deposited into, 3) date of receipt, 4) date deposited, and (5) SAMS Source Code.

**Attributes not properly entered into
the ERP System**

Our testing noted 3 of 45 (7%) attributes were not properly entered into the ERP System. Therefore, the Commission's internal controls over receipt processing were not operating effectively.

Due to this condition, we qualified our opinion because we determined the Commission had not complied, in all material respects, with applicable laws and regulations, including the State uniform accounting system, in its financial and fiscal operations.

Even given the limitations noted above, we conducted an analysis of the Commission's receipts data for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 to determine compliance with the Act. We noted:

Failure to timely deposit receipts

- The Commission did not deposit 1 receipt item, totaling \$10,000 or more, on the day received.
- The Commission did not deposit 3 receipt items, exceeding \$500 but less than \$10,000, within 48 hours. (Finding 1, pages 10-11)

We recommended the Commission design and maintain internal controls to provide assurance its data entry of key attributes into ERP System is complete and accurate. Further, we recommended the Commission timely deposit receipts into the State's Treasury.

Commission accepted the recommendation

The Commission accepted the recommendations and stated it has revised its procedures to ensure ERP data accurately reflects the dates of receipt and deposit, but notes the deficiencies involved single-day differences regarding the dates of deposits. The Commission noted the exceptions had no effect upon State finances or State operations.

OTHER FINDINGS

The remaining findings pertain to lack of adequate independent internal control review over service providers; weaknesses in cybersecurity; and nondisclosure of required procurement information. We will review the Commission’s progress towards the implementation of our recommendations in our next compliance examination.

ACCOUNTANT’S OPINION

The accountants conducted a State compliance examination of the Commission for the two years ended June 30, 2025, as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The accountants qualified their report on State compliance for Finding 2025-001. Except for the noncompliance described in this finding, the accountants stated the Commission complied, in all material respects, with the requirements described in the report.

This State compliance examination was conducted by Adelfia LLC.

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This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

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