



# Auditors of Public Accounts Audits Q3 of 2025

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#### Issue

This report shows the audits issued by the state <u>Auditors of Public Accounts</u> (APA) between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025, by subject, with brief summaries of their findings and recommendations. The full report for each audit is available through the hyperlink in its audit type.

#### Audits

# Board of Regents for Higher Education — Connecticut State University System Office

Release Date: 8/27/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2021-2023
Findings		Ī	Recommendations
Inadequate Management of Emergency Response System Project		Properly manage emergency response project to ensure that employees are appropriately trained in using related information technology equipment	
		Have memorandums of understanding (MOU) with all stakeholders addressing project terms and objectives, each party's responsibilities, equipment maintenance and terms of usage, key contacts, and other important information	
		Ensure that assets are properly tagged per its Capital and Controllable Asset Manual	
Consolidation of Purchasing Proces	s		s to comply with <u>CGS § 10a-89e</u> , onsolidation of the purchasing stem office



# Board of Regents for Higher Education — Connecticut State University System Office (continued)

Release Date: 8/27/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2021-2023
Findings			Recommendations
Reconciliation of Bank Accounts		Improve internal controls over its bank account reconciliation process to ensure it promptly performs monthly bank reconciliations	
Dual Employment		Improve compliance with dual employment requirements, policies, and procedures  Properly complete and maintain dual employment agreements	
Annual Physical Inventory		Ensure compliance with physical inventory requirements in the State Property Control Manual (SPCM)	
Reconciliation of Asset Management Systems		Strengthen internal controls over asset management by ensuring that it performs quarterly reconciliations between its asset management systems and investigates and corrects any noted discrepancies	

#### Connecticut Airport Authority

Release Date: 9/4/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings			Recommendations
Overpayments for Legal Services		invoices to ensur	nal controls over its review of re that billed hourly rates are ed and match the rates in the

#### Connecticut Housing Finance Authority

Release Date: 8/14/25	Audit Type: Audit		Calendar Years: 2022 & 2023	
Findings			Recommendations	
No Recommendations				

## Connecticut Paid Leave Authority

Release Date: 8/26/25	Audit Type: <u>Audit</u>		Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023	
Findings			Recommendations	
No Recommendations				

# Corrections, Department of (DOC)

Release Date: 7/29/25	Audit Ty	pe: Audit	Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings			Recommendations
Improper Paid Administrative Leave	e	Comply with requirements concerning employees on paid administrative leave in accordance with Conn. Agencies Regs. § 5-240-5a and bargaining unit contracts	
Inadequate Controls and Support for Overtime		Maintain overtime records as required by bargaining contracts  Automated systems should accurately reflect manual records to ensure overtime is adequately documented and monitored  Ensure it enters accurate employee job data in	
Inadequate Controls Over Compens Accountability Logs	satory Time and	Core-CT  Strengthen internal controls to ensure (1) proper authorization is obtained before earning compensatory time, (2) time earned is accurate coded, and (3) compensatory time plans comply with bargaining unit contracts	
Inappropriate Holiday Time Coding		Strengthen internal controls over the review and approval of timesheets to reduce the risk of errors and potential overpayments	
Inaccurate Separation Payments		Strengthen internal controls to ensure the accuracy of payments to separating employees; rectify past incorrect payments	
Inadequate Controls Over Union Leave Time		ensure time is pr	controls related to union leave to operly approved and documented th department and union
Lack of Employee Training		monitoring and to	controls to ensure adequate racking of employee training and department requirements
Lack of Documentation for Hiring a	nd Promotions	Strengthen internal controls to ensure the hiring and promotion process is adequately supported in accordance with DOC and Department of Administrative Services (DAS) procedures	
Controls Over Annual Evaluations		evaluations are p	nal controls to ensure that annual promptly completed and ccordance with state regulations directives
Lack of Monitoring of Leave in Lieu	of Accrual	Strengthen internal controls to ensure that the use of the Leave in Lieu of Accrual time reporting code is monitored and promptly adjusted in accordance with Core-CT procedures	

#### Corrections, Department of (DOC) (continued)

Release Date: 7/29/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings			Recommendations
Improper Use of Purchasing Cards		Strengthen internal controls over the use of purchasing cards to ensure compliance with state and department policies and procedures	
Asset Management Deficiencies		management to s	nal controls over asset safeguard assets and ensure SPCM requirements
Inadequate Controls Over Loss Rep	oorting	Improve internal controls to ensure that assets identified in loss reports are promptly removed from the inventory records  Ensure that it files all loss reports with the APA and Comptroller in accordance with CGS § 4-33a	
Inadequate Software Inventory		Strengthen internal controls to ensure it maintains and reports software inventory records in accordance with the SPCM	
Noncompliance With Reporting Requirements		•	nal controls to ensure compliance porting requirements
Inmate Trust Fund Unclaimed Accounts		Strengthen internal controls over the accounts of discharged inmates to ensure compliance with the department's administrative directives	
Lack of Documentation for Inmate	Payroll	Strengthen internal controls over the mainten of inmate payroll records and the approval of inmate timesheets	
Untimely Administration of Inmate	Medications	Strengthen internal controls to ensure medication is administered and monitored in accordance with agency policies	

# $Division\ of\ Criminal\ Justice\ (DCJ) - Prosecutor-Led\ Diversion$ $Practices\ for\ Family\ Violence\ Offenders$

Release Date: 7/9/25	Audit Type: Performance Audit		Calendar Years: 2021-2023
Findings			Recommendations
DCJ Did Not Comply With Nolle Rec Family Violence Cases	uirements for	eProsecutor to (1 compliance with compliance with	controls and updates to L) document and monitor CGS § 54-560 and (2) ensure prosecutorial standards requiring certain information in eProsecutor

#### Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) — Prosecutor-Led Diversion Practices for Family Violence Offenders (continued)

Release Date: 7/9/25	Audit Type: Per	formance Audit	Calendar Years: 2021-2023
Findings			Recommendations
DCJ's Case Management System Reporting Was Deficient		to ensure the acceprosecutor	chensive data validation protocols curacy and reliability of the data in dardized terminology and required bance consistency and eliminate
		data fields to enhance consistency and eliminate subjective interpretation in case data  Ensure all prosecutors consistently follow the established system standards	
DCJ Did Not Consistently Document Completion of Treatment for Domestic Violence Offenders		and documenting providers not con	olement a protocol for monitoring g treatment completion for ntracted by the Judicial Branch
		completion report them in eProsect	
		completion of tre includes a status date with treatm	cose of cases before the eatment, ensure eProsecutor sereport indicating compliance to ent requirements
		recommend and	ing practices to ensure prosecutors offenders receive appropriate reatment, to the extent practical
DCJ's Prosecutorial-led Diversion of Domestic Violence Offenders to Non-approved Community Providers Does Not Adhere to State Standards	d Community	about the availal	ecutors are sufficiently informed bility and appropriateness of f treatment providers
Providers Does Not Adhere to State Standards		the Domestic Vic and Enhanceme treatment provid	community stakeholders, including plence Criminal Justice Response nt Advisory Council, to assess er gaps and further develop a approved domestic violence ers

#### Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) — Prosecutor-Led Diversion Practices for Family Violence Offenders (continued)

Release Date: 7/9/25	Audit Type: Performance Audit		Calendar Years: 2021-2023	
Findings		Recommendations		
Approval Process for Community Tr Providers is Insufficient	al Process for Community Treatment rs is Insufficient		The Family Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory Council should advocate for legislation to establish a specific approval process and oversight mechanisms for community domestic violence treatment providers	
Domestic Violence Advisory Council Acting Beyond its Legal Authority	plence Advisory Council Appears to be nd its Legal Authority		estic Violence Criminal Justice nhancement Advisory Council for legislation to grant the council e state agency the authority to ove community domestic violence ers	

#### Early Childhood, Office of

Release Date: 8/28/25	Audit Ty	pe: <u>Audit</u>	Fiscal Years: 2021-2023	
Findings	Findings		Recommendations	
Lack of Current Memorandum of U With the State Department of Educ	_	_	ted MOU with SDE defining the artment's administrative support	
Failure to Perform Internal Control Self-Assessment			ly completes its annual internal naire by each June 30	
		Document any id action taken to a	entified deficiencies and corrective ddress them	
Payroll - Minimum Leave Increments		Improve internal control over the review and approval of timesheets to ensure compliance with minimum leave time increments in bargaining unit contracts		
Payroll – Compensatory and Overtime Approval			nal controls to ensure compliance atory and overtime policies and payments	
Payroll - Medical Leave Improperly Documented		employees provid	ng of medical leave to ensure that de medical certificates for e than five consecutive working	
Statutory Reporting – Inadequate Controls		prepares and pro	nal controls to ensure that it omptly submits all statutorily s to their required recipients	
Property Control – Deficiency in Software Reporting		•	ain and report all assets on its CO- rol report in accordance with the	

### Early Childhood, Office of (continued)

Release Date: 8/28/25	Audit Ty	pe: <u>Audit</u>	Fiscal Years: 2021-2023	
Findings	Findings		Recommendations	
Property Control – Physical Invento	ry Controls	Perform a complete physical inventory and prepare a listing of controllable property to ensure compliance with the SPCM		
Expenditures – Privatization Contract Need		Comply with CGS § 4e-16(b) by performing a cost- benefit analysis before contracting for privatization services		
Expenditures - Travel Procedures	Not Finalized		ocessing procedures to ensure DAS General Letter No. 212	
Expenditures – Timely Contract Exe	ecution	Strengthen internal controls to ensure that contracts are executed prior to their effective date		
Subcontractor Monitoring		executed prior to subcontractors a DAS General Lett	the contract effective date and re selected in accordance with ter No. 71; all subcontracts should aired and be executed by both	
Lack of Adopted Regulations		•	w and update regulations to reflect language and internal procedures	
Revenue - Lack of Receipts Journal		Establish a receipts journal in accordance with the State Accounting Manual		
Lack of Service Organization Control Report		Report from its ve	ate a Service Organization Control endor to ensure that it accurately esses data and implements proper otect confidential information	

### Military Department

Release Date: 8/12/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings		I	Recommendations
Incorrect Separation Payments		Strengthen internal controls to ensure employee separation payments are made in accordance with CGS §§ 5-247 & 5-252 and applicable collective bargaining agreements  Attempt to collect overpayments and correct underpayments	
Inventory Reporting Deficiencies		Strengthen internal controls to ensure that it accurately prepares and supports its CO-59 report in accordance with the SPCM	

### Military Department (continued)

Release Date: 8/12/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings			Recommendations
Lack of Annual Physical Inventory		Strengthen internal controls over asset management by performing annual physical inventories at all facilities and promptly tagging newly acquired assets in accordance with CGS § 4-36 and the SPCM	
Inadequate Internal Controls Over Capitalizing and Expensing Building Projects		Develop stronger internal controls to determine when it should expense or capitalize additions, renovations, improvements, and repairs to capital assets in accordance with the SPCM	
Deficiencies in the Military Relief Fu Process	und Grant	Improve internal controls to ensure it promptly provides Military Relief Funds to eligible service members  Adequately support its funding decisions to ensu compliance with its application process and CGS 27-100a	

### Private Providers of Special Education

Release Date: 9/10/25	Audit Type: Performance Audit		School Year: 2022 & 2023	
Findings			Recommendations	
Failure to Deliver Certain Services Required by Student Individualized Education Programs (IEP)		•	of special education should I services specified in student IEPs	
		If they cannot provide all required services, they should notify the local education agencies (LEA) about any significant gap in service and work with the LEAs and the planning and placement team to revise the IEP or identify other necessary strategies		
Incorrect Service Delivery and Insufficient Itemization of Related Services on Invoices		Ädelbrook Academy – Cromwell should only provide and charge for services required by student IEPs; if a student requires additional or replacement services, it should notify their LEA and work with it and the planning and placement team to revise the IEP or identify other necessary strategies  Itemize individual and group-related services on invoices		

Release Date: 9/10/25	Audit Type: Per	formance Audit	School Year: 2022 & 2023
Findings		Recommendations	
Inconsistent Contract Quality and Specificity		private providers ensure clarity an	elop, in consultation with LEAs and , a model contract that would d statutory compliance and allow ty to address individual student
		base their agreer	LEAs and private providers should ments on the model contract
			my – Cromwell should ensure that turn contracts for each student
Lack of Contracts and Service Docu	umentation	use its new servi	for the Deaf should continue to ce documentation system and imentation is retrievable
Breach of Contractual Invoicing and Language	d Billing	contracting pract	for the Deaf should review its cices and ensure that future nsistent with its billing practices
		School should de	for the Deaf and Grace S. Webb evelop internal controls to ensure required background checks
Noncompliance With Statutorily Required Background Checks		Necessary University School JPE staff should complete the required Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) training to receive CJIS data; once trained, they should complete the necessary background check information	
Insufficient Mitigation of Risk Related to Criminal Background		for the Deaf Grad School of Walling should (1) develonational criminal hired prior to July checks at reason and (3) conduct a	my – Cromwell, American School ce S. Webb School, High Road gford, and University School JPE op policies requiring state and history records checks for staff / 1, 2019; (2) require recurring hable intervals for relevant staff; additional background checks to ly developed policies
Noncompliance With Employment I Verification Requirements	History	School, High Roa University School controls to ensur completed for ea CGS § 10-222c(a	
Noncompliance With Regulations for Room Locking Mechanisms	or Seclusion	mechanism in qu	chool should fix the locking uestion and develop a system of iew to prevent similar issues

Release Date: 9/10/25	Audit Type: Per	formance Audit	School Year: 2022 & 2023
Findings		Recommendations	
Noncompliance With Student Medication Administration Regulations		American School for the Deaf should develop internal controls to ensure it obtains written parent or guardian authorization on file for each medication administered to students  American School for the Deaf and High Road School of Wallingford should develop internal controls to ensure that medication orders do not exceed 12 months	
Noncompliance With Standards for Prior Work References		Ädelbrook Academy – Cromwell, American School for the Deaf, and Grace S. Webb School should comply with approval standards, keep references on file for all staff, and develop sufficient internal controls to prevent or detect instances of noncompliance	
Noncompliance With Emergency Drill Frequency Requirements		School should co than a fire drill ev Grace S. Webb S	chool should consider other types Ils that would not raise concerns
Noncompliance With Emergency Drill Evaluation Requirements		School, and High consistently colle emergency drills	my – Cromwell, Grace S. Webb Road School of Wallingford should ect participant feedback during for use in evaluating the emergency plans and procedures
Noncompliance With Teacher and A Evaluation Requirements	Administrator	controls to ensur evaluations for a evaluation documentation that it can retrieve High Road School Connecticut Systems	chool should strengthen internal re it completes appropriate dministrative staff and revise its mentation procedures to ensure re all records of evaluations of Wallingford should use the em for Educator Evaluation and aluation or equivalent for all age area permit staff
Noncompliance With Professional E Policy Requirement	Development	for the Deaf, and revise their polici	my – Cromwell, American School Grace S. Webb School should ies to specify staff must receive at f free, annual professional

Release Date: 9/10/25	Audit Type: Performance Audit School Year: 2022 & 20		School Year: 2022 & 2023	
Findings	Findings		Recommendations	
Insufficient Training Documentation	n	Private providers should develop and fully implement a centralized training tracking system that (1) allows administration to document each staff member's attendance and hours and (2) summarizes the goals and objectives of each training		
Excessive Reliance on Non-Certified Staff		High Road School of Wallingford should provide robust support and development to durational shortage area permitted staff to ensure their transition to full certification  University School JPE should hire fully certified staff when filling future teaching and administrator positions, and support certification efforts for current staff		
Lack of Preparation for the Emergency Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion at Non-Approved Private Provider		University School JPE should (1) develop written policies and procedures for the proper use of emergency physical restraint and seclusion and (2) train all its staff in the proper methods and application of the emergency use of physical restraint and seclusion		
Insufficient Emergency Planning at Non-Approved Private Provider		document annua (2) conduct emer annually and coll evaluating the eff and procedures, vulnerability asset the adequacy of i	JPE should (1) provide and I emergency trainings for all staff, regency drills other than a fire drill ect participant feedback to use in fectiveness of emergency plans (3) conduct a security and essment or equivalent to ensure its emergency plans, and (4) obtain opy of the most recent local fire on report	
Insufficient Ongoing Professional Development at Non-Approved Private Provider		implement a prof	JPE should develop and essional development plan that orientation and ongoing trainings	
No Formal Program or Quality Imprat Non-Approved Private Provider	ovement Process	implement a forn improvement, income assurable object analyzing perforn improvement; (3) process that info- surveying staff, so relevant stakehol	JPE should develop and hal approach to program cluding (1) establishing ctives and goals; (2) collecting and hance data to identify areas for developing a formal evaluation rms professional development; (4) tudents, families, and other lders; and (5) developing a website ormation about its services and	

Release Date: 9/10/25	Audit Type: Performance Audit		School Year: 2022 & 2023
Findings		Recommendations	
Noncompliance With the Principles and Standards for the Approval of I Education Programs		consider revision processes to miti special education requirements in t Standards for the	w the findings in this report and s to its approval and reapproval gate the risk of approved private a provider noncompliance with the the Principles, Procedures, and e Approval of Private Special ams, relevant statutes, and

#### Public Health, Department of

Release Date: 9/17/2025	Audit Ty	pe: <u>Audit</u>	Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings		Recommendations	
Lack of Proper Monitoring of Contractor Noncompliance With Confidentiality and Health Information Protection Policy		Strengthen internal controls to effectively monitor contractor compliance with department policy to safeguard confidential and protected health information	
Lack of Overtime Management		_	nal controls to ensure that it only eligible employees
Compensatory Time Plan Enrollments		Review all employee compensatory time plan enrollments to ensure they are enrolled in the correct plan in accordance with their bargaining unit contracts	
Unpaid Administrative Leave		Develop and implement internal controls to ensure it obtains approval from the Office of Labor Relations to extend administrative leave beyond 60 days in accordance with the provisions in bargaining unit contracts	
Lack of Proper Controls Over Revenue Receipts		Strengthen internal controls to ensure it properly supports receipts and promptly processes refund requests	
Property Control and Reporting Deficiencies		Strengthen internal controls over the custody and reporting of assets to ensure compliance with the SPCM	
Inadequate Administration of the E Pharmaceuticals Inventory	xpired	Strengthen internal controls to ensure that it accurately tracks and accounts for returned and expired pharmaceuticals in Core-CT to ensure it maximizes return credits	
Access to Information Systems		Promptly termina employee's sepa	ite access to Core-CT upon an ration

### Public Health, Department of (continued)

Release Date: 9/17/2025	Audit Ty	pe: <u>Audit</u>	Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings			Recommendations
Lack of Administrative Oversight on Boards and Commissions		Work with its related boards to ensure they submit meeting schedules to the Office of the Secretary of the State, maintain meeting schedules and required membership, hold regular meetings, and keep all appointment letters for their members on file	
Contracts and Grants Management Contract Approval and Performance		Implement effective monitoring procedures to ensure that contracts are approved by the Office the Attorney General  Promptly perform contractor evaluations to asses the contractor's quality of work, reliability, and cooperation	
Contracts and Grants Management: Lack of Contracts and Grants Management		Grant and State I	and fully implement its Contract, Federal Single Audit Review Policy tains contractors' program and
Lack of Risk Management Function		Develop or acquire an independent, formal, and ongoing risk assessment and mitigation process to identify and address risks that could impact operational and reporting objectives	
Lack of Compliance With Statutory Requirements	Reporting	system to track it	plement an effective centralized ts statutory reporting requirements submits all required reports
Delayed Issuance of Purchase Orde	ers		nal controls to ensure it issues in compliance with <u>CGS § 4-98</u>

#### $State\ Elections\ Enforcement\ Commission$

Release Date: 7/22/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings	Findings		Recommendations
Untimely Post-Election Review of Campaign Committees		Complete its post-election audits within the statutory deadlines	
Lack of General Control Over Statutory Reporting Requirements		Strengthen its internal controls to ensure it complies with its statutory reporting requirements	
Software Inventory Deficiencies		Establish internal controls to ensure it maintains its software inventory listing in compliance with the SPCM  Properly train its employees on the manual's software inventory requirements	

### State Elections Enforcement Commission (continued)

Release Date: 7/22/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2022 & 2023
Findings			Recommendations
Lack of Documentation Supporting Compensatory Time and Overtime		compensatory tin	
		Review compensatory time plans to ensure they correspond to the employee's collective bargaining agreement	
Inadequate Documentation of Personnel Actions		Establish formal policies and procedures to ensure personnel actions are adequately supported and documented	
Lack of Formal Written Human Resources Policies and Procedures		Establish and maintain formal written human resources policies and procedures	
Untimely Posting of Receipts		Strengthen internal controls to ensure that it promptly records receipts in Core-CT in accordance with CGS § 4-32 and the State Accounting Manual	
Failure to Tag and Track Controllable Assets		Develop policies and record contro	and procedures to properly tag ollable assets

#### Transportation, Department of

Release Date: 9/9/25	Audit Type: Audit		Fiscal Years: 2021 & 2022
Findings			Recommendations
Lack of Overtime and Compensatory Time Approvals		processes	e and compensatory time approval
		Develop a reliable recordkeeping system to document pre-approval of overtime and compensatory time	
Lack of Controls Over Snow & Ice Premium Pay		Establish policies for approval and documentation of hours supporting snow and ice premium hours paid to employees	
		snow and ice pre between Novemb	nal controls to ensure it pays the emium only for assignments per 1 and April 30 in accordance ng unit agreement
Lack of Controls Over Ferry Revenues		Improve internal controls over cash receipts for ferry services to minimize the risk of loss	
Lack of Controls Over Project Monitoring		Community Conn	nal controls over monitoring nectivity Grant Program projects to ollection of unused funds

# Transportation, Department of (continued)

Release Date: 9/9/25	Audit Ty	pe: <u>Audit</u>	Fiscal Years: 2021 & 2022
Findings		Recommendations	
Weakness in Controls Over Contractor Invoice Review		Strengthen internal controls over the review of invoices to ensure that billings align with the item descriptions and prices in contracts	
Noncompliance With Records Retention Policy		Institute procedures to retain and dispose of records in accordance with the Connecticut State Library's records retention policies	
		•	nd employees of their obligation to conflicts of interest
Delays in Addressing Potential Conflicts of Interest		Establish effective internal controls to monitor known conflicts, and promptly address	
		Document conclu	usions on all reported conflicts

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