

**U.S. Department
of Justice**

**Special Counsel's Office – Weiss
Statement of Expenditures
August 11, 2023 through
September 30, 2023**



The accompanying Statement of Expenditures summarizes the financial activity of the Special Counsel's Office (SCO) of David C. Weiss for the period August 11, 2023 through September 30, 2023. As an organization within the Department of Justice, the SCO is required to comply with the rules, regulations, procedures, practices, and policies of the Department of Justice.¹ SCO management is responsible for designing, operating, and maintaining a system of internal control to enable the SCO to accurately report its financial information to the Department and meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations. In addition, SCO management is responsible for ensuring that controls exist to meet the requirements of DOJ Order 2030.4G, *Control of Funds under Apportionment*.

The Department recognizes the importance of maintaining adequate internal control and is committed to the continuous improvement and oversight of financial management controls. The Department has a network of internal review groups that provides assistance to components with their internal control programs. As part of the Department's annual assessment of internal control over financial reporting, the Justice Management Division, Internal Review and Evaluation Office conducted a review of SCO business processes related to budget, obligations and expenditures, and financial reporting during the assessment period of August 11, 2023 through September 30, 2023. The review identified no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the design or operation of SCO controls.

The Department will continue to dedicate and leverage resources to maintain strong program and financial management controls. Management takes its program and financial accountability seriously and is dedicated to ensuring that funds are used in a responsible and transparent manner.

¹ 28 CRF 600.7 – Conduct and Accountability

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Direct and Reimbursed Expenditures (note 1)	
Personnel Compensation and Benefits (note 2)	\$154,506
Travel and Transportation of Persons (note 3)	1,726
Contractual Services (note 4)	26,451
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Total SCO Expenditures (note 5)	\$182,683
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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- A. Reporting entity: On August 11, 2023, David C. Weiss was appointed by Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to serve as Special Counsel to investigate allegations of certain criminal conduct by, among others, Robert Hunter Biden. That investigation includes the investigation and prosecutions referenced and described in *Untied States v. Robert Hunter Biden*, Criminal Action Nos. 23-mj-274 (MN) and 23-61 (MN) (D. Del.). The statement presents the expenditures of the Special Counsel's Office (SCO) for the period of August 11, 2023 through September 30, 2023, including direct-funded, reimbursed, and non-reimbursed expenditures. All amounts shown refer to the aforementioned reporting period only.

When first appointed on August 11, 2023, Special Counsel Weiss utilized space; communications; utilities; printing and reproduction services; other supplies, materials, and contractual services of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware, without reimbursement from the Special Counsel's Office. These expenses are not reflected in this report. The Special Counsel's Office shortly after the end of the reporting period on September 30, 2023, acquired and is expending funds for space, communications; utilities; printing and reproduction services; other supplies, materials, and contractual services; and personnel. Expenditures for these categories will be reflected in the report for the current reporting period, which ends on March 30, 2024. See 28 C.F.R. §600.5 and 600.8.

- B. Funding: SCO expenditures are funded by 1) the permanent, indefinite appropriation for independent counsels (IC Appropriation) (28 U.S.C. § 591 note), which the Department of Justice (DOJ) has determined is legally available to fund this SCO investigation (see also Government Accountability Office opinion agreeing with DOJ that this appropriation was legally available to fund special counsels (B-302582, Sept. 30, 2004)); and 2) the direct appropriations of DOJ components who have incurred non-reimbursed expenditures in support of the SCO. Expenditures funded through the IC Appropriation are a combination of expenses directly incurred by the SCO and expenses incurred by other components of DOJ and reimbursed by the IC Appropriation.
- C. DOJ component expenses: Although not legally required, DOJ components that support the SCO were asked to track non-reimbursed expenditures attributable to this investigation, which includes hours worked by agents and investigative support analysts and may include the cost of protective details for the Special Counsel if warranted. The expenditures for this period totaled \$132,098.
- D. Basis of accounting: The statement has been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting, in which expenses are recorded when incurred regardless of when cash is exchanged.

Note 2 – Personnel Compensation and Benefits

- IC Appropriation: \$154,506 was expended for salaries and benefits of reimbursable DOJ employees detailed to the SCO.

Note 3 – Travel and Transportation of Persons

- IC Appropriation: \$1,726 was expended for travel of DOJ employees detailed to the SCO.

Note 4 – Contractual Services

- IC Appropriation: \$26,451 was expended for contractual services, including:
 - \$15,897 for Other Interagency Contractual Services
 - \$10,554 for Telecommunications Equipment Operation and Maintenance.

Note 5 – Total SCO Expenditures

- SCO expenditures represent expenditures incurred during the reporting period and standard closing adjustments.