



Legislative Audit Committee February 27, 2024 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on February 27, 2024, at 7:01 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Chambers. Representative Lisa Frizell called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

Committee Members

Representative Gabe Evans (arrived 7:12 a.m.), Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 7:42 a.m.), Representative William Lindstedt, Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (excused.), Representative Andrew Boesenecker (Vice Chair), Representative Lisa Frizell (Chair)

The following Office of the State Auditor (OSA) staff attended:

OSA

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Michelle Colin, Deputy State Auditor; Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor; Crystal Dorsey, Derek Johnson, Selome Negassa, Maya Rosochacova

Other Attendees

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Brigadier General Michael Bruno, Deputy Executive Director
Nicholas Severn, Chief Financial Officer

Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting

Mark Ferrandino, Director

Office of the State Controller

Robert Jaros, State Controller
Jeffrey Kahn, Director, Financial Reporting & Analysis

7:02 a.m.

State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to release the *State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023*. Representative Lindstedt seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced self and staff.

Mr. Jaros (*Office of the State Controller*) introduced self and staff.

Ms. Edwards presented opening comments.

7:08 a.m.

State of Colorado, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Mr. Jaros (*Office of the State Controller*) presented opening comments and an overview of the *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*.

Discussion ensued regarding the senior citizen/disabled veterans' property tax exemption program.

7:18 a.m.

State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

OSA Staff presented an overview of the Statewide Single Audit recommendations.

Recommendation 2023-032 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Office of the State Controller (OSC).

Discussion ensued regarding the OSC's ability to address recommendation and report timelines.

Recommendation 2023-033 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the OSC.

Discussion ensued regarding compliance with standard operating procedures, and staff training and retention.

Recommendation 2023-034 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the OSC.

General Bruno (*Department of Military and Veterans Affairs*) introduced self and staff.

Mr. Ferrandino (*Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting*) introduced self.

Mr. Jaros (*OSC*) introduced self and staff.

Recommendations 2023-029 - 2023-031 were reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting, and OSC.

Discussion ensued regarding stewardship of taxpayer dollars and interpretation of statutory language.

8:26 a.m.

Minutes

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024, LAC hearing minutes. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary Investigation Results on State Employee Protection Act Report

Michelle Colin introduced self and staff.
Mr. Johnson presented an overview of the investigation.

8:30 a.m.

Report Released Without a Hearing

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to release the *Report Released Without a Hearing*. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the report.

Hearing adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:
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