



Legislative Audit Committee February 13, 2024 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on February 13, 2024, at 8:07 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 8:17 a.m.), Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 8:21 a.m.), Representative William Lindstedt, Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (arrived 8:12 a.m.), 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; Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor (remote)

8:08 a.m.

Minutes

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to approve the January 30, 2024, LAC hearing minutes. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:09 a.m.

OSA Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding whether additional FTEs requested in budget help to address the increase in audit requests.

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to approve the OSA Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget with authorization to make any changes as prescribed by the Executive Committee or the Joint Budget Committee. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:23 a.m.

Vote to Add LAC Hearing for February 20, 2024

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to add an additional LAC hearing for February 20, 2024, if needed, to discuss any changes to budget methodology based on Executive Committee formal approval. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:24 a.m.

Joint Budget Committee Letter to the LAC Regarding the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the letter.

Discussion ensued regarding the parameters of the Statewide Single Audit, questions about sample size of existing cash funds and their spending authority as authorized by the Office of the State Controller, and tracking of cash funds authorized for continuous spending vs. those that require statutory approval.

8:29 a.m.

Reports Released Without a Hearing

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to release the Reports Released Without a Hearing. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

Hearing adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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