

LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

July 23, 2018

The Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee met on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 11:30 AM in Room 212 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Rep. Lynne Ober, Chair
Rep. Richard Barry
Rep. Lucy Weber
Sen. John Reagan
Sen. Bob Giuda
Sen. Jay Kahn

The meeting convened at 11:30 AM.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting be accepted.

MOTION ADOPTED.

CURRENT STATUS OF ONGOING PERFORMANCE AUDITS:

Chairwoman Ober informed Committee members the Department of Education (DOE), Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation audit topic had been approved by the Fiscal Committee, and the LBA could begin drafting a scope statement.

Stephen Smith, Audit Division Director, briefed the Committee and responded to questions regarding ongoing performance audits.

Mr. Smith informed the Committee of three audits currently in process: the Department of Environmental Services (DES), Water Division; the Department of Corrections (DOC), Adult Parole Board; and the Police Standards and Training Council audits. Field work for the DES, Water Division audit was still active, with completion targeted for the end of the calendar year. Interviews had begun for both the DOC, Adult Parole Board, and the Police Standards and Training Council audits; scope statements were to be discussed momentarily for approval and consideration.

Mr. Smith acknowledged the new audit topic added to the queue: the DOE, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SCOPE STATEMENTS FOR THE ADULT PAROLE BOARD AND POLICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL:

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the scope statements for the DOC, Adult Parole Board, and the Police Standards and Training Council performance audits be accepted.

The Committee asked questions and generally discussed the Parole Board's responsibilities in relation to victim notifications. Vilay Skidds, Senior Audit Manager and in-charge auditor of the DOC, Adult Parole Board audit, notified the Committee that the Office of Victim Services was responsible for the victim notifications. Chairwoman Ober offered to invite Commissioner Helen Hanks to the next meeting to brief the Committee on the subject matter.

MOTION ADOPTED.

SEEK AND DISCUSS NEW AUDIT TOPICS:

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the topic of timely cannabis patient ID card distribution be added to the audit topic list.

MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee revisited the topic of Succession Planning from the previous meeting, and generally discussed potential actions to move forward.

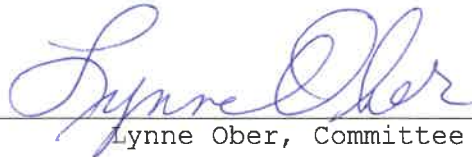
Chairwoman Ober requested the LBA draft a letter to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to request a written status update on the State's succession planning as a result of the 2008 audit. The Committee agreed to revisit the topic at a later date, following DAS's response.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Smith informed the Committee a letter would be drafted for the next Fiscal Committee meeting, requesting approval of the cannabis ID card audit topic.

Next meeting will be at the call of the Chairwoman.

Chairwoman Ober adjourned the Committee at 11:55 AM.



Lynne Ober, Committee Chairwoman