

LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 20, 2009

The Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee met on Friday March 20, 2009 at 2:00 PM in Room 201 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Anne-Marie Irwin, Chairman
Senator Harold Janeway, Vice Chairman
Representative John Reagan, Clerk
Representative Linda Foster
Representative Marjorie Smith
Senator Peter Bragdon
Senator John Barnes

Senator Janeway called the meeting to order.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Representative Reagan, seconded by Representative Foster, that Representative Anne-Marie Irwin be nominated as Committee Chairman. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Smith, seconded by Senator Barnes, that Senator Harold Janeway be nominated as Vice Chairman. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Foster, seconded by Senator Barnes, that Representative John Reagan be nominated as Clerk. MOTION ADOPTED.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Reagan, seconded by Representative Foster, that the minutes of the November 6, 2008 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

CURRENT STATUS OF ONGOING PERFORMANCE AUDITS:

Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the current status of ongoing performance audits and responded to questions from the Committee.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SCOPE STATEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUREAU OF ELDERLY AND ADULT SERVICES:

Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the proposed scope statement for the performance audit of the BEAS, Long-Term Care Services. Mr. Mahoney and Jay Henry, senior audit manager and in-charge auditor for the audit, responded to questions from the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Reagan, seconded by Senator Bragdon,

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that the proposed scope statement be approved as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

DISCUSSION OF NEW PERFORMANCE AUDITS:

Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant responded to questions from the Committee regarding the list of potential performance audit topics presented to the Committee. Representative Irwin opened discussion on a performance audit of the Plumbers Licensing Board. Senator Barnes opened discussion on a performance audit of the Sex Offenders Registry. Representative Smith opened discussion on a performance audit of the Oil Discharge and Disposal Clean-Up Fund. Further committee discussion included potential performance audits of State Police staffing (Senator Bragdon) and outsourcing or privatization of State services (Senator Janeway).

On a motion by Senator Barnes, seconded by Representative Foster, that the Audit Division look at the Oil Discharge and Disposal Clean-Up Fund, the Plumbers Licensing Board, and the Sex Offenders Registry and report back to the Committee on the value of pursuing performance audits in these areas. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.

Representative John Reagan, Clerk