

LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 7, 2011

The Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee met on Wednesday September 7, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Room 212 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Senator Peter Bragdon (Chairman)
Senator Jack Barnes
Senator Bob Odell (for Senator Gary Lambert)
Senator Lou D'Alessandro
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Representative John Reagan
Representative Marshall Quandt
Representative Laurie Harding
Representative Robert Foose

Senator Bragdon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Reagan, seconded by Senator Barnes, that the minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting be accepted as written.
MOTION ADOPTED.

DISCUSSION OF ONGOING AND PENDING PERFORMANCE AUDITS:

Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, briefed the Committee and responded to questions regarding ongoing performance audits. Mr. Mahoney informed the Committee the Self-Insured Employee and Retiree Health Benefit Program audit had been presented to the joint Legislative Fiscal Committee and the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee. He also informed the Committee the State Police Forensic Laboratory audit was scheduled to be presented to the joint Legislative Fiscal Committee at its September 23, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Mahoney also discussed the status of the ongoing performance audit of the Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Mahoney also discussed the current status of the performance audit of the Department of Revenue Administration.

DISCUSSION OF SCOPE STATEMENT FOR THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION:

Stephen Fox, Performance Audit Supervisor, presented the scope statement for the performance audit of the Guardian ad Litem Board. Mr. Fox and Mr. Mahoney responded to questions from the Committee. On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Reagan, that the Scope Statement for the performance audit of the Guardian ad Litem Board be approved as proposed. MOTION ADOPTED.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL AUDIT TOPICS:

Senator Bragdon distributed to the Committee a copy of a memo he sent by email regarding the average number of performance audits, the average cost per audit, and suggesting the Committee develop a list of top choices for audits. The Committee discussed several suggestions and developed a working list of four potential audit topics including Corrections, Juvenile Justice, New vs. Contracted Personnel, and Medical Claims Paid by the Department of Administrative Services. Senator Bragdon recommended the Committee prioritize the list at its next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Bragdon adjourned the Committee with the next meeting to be at the call of the Chair.

Representative John Reagan, Clerk