

**Minutes**  
**Legislative Post Audit Committee**  
**Subcommittee on Legislative Post Audit Committee Rules**  
**August 29, 2013**

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Representative Peggy Mast, Chair, at 9:25 a.m. in Room 159-S at the Statehouse.

Subcommittee members present: Representative Peggy Mast, Chair  
Senator Jeff Longbine, Member  
Representative Ed Trimmer, Member

**Discussion and subcommittee recommendation on potential rules changes.** Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor, presented a summary of rules changes proposed by staff.

1. *Codify under LPAC Rule 1-6 the process for school district efficiency audits, which the full committee decided on at the July 2013 meeting.* The subcommittee concurred. Mr. Frank referred members to a memo from the Revisor's Office stating that the language in 2013 House Bill 2349 does not require that the school district audits be performed automatically. Rather, the Legislative Post Audit Committee has discretion as to whether or not a given school audit would be performed. Senator Longbine said if the committee were to exercise such discretion and choose to not perform a given audit, it should do so *before* the district has been selected. Mr. Frank said that provision would be included in the revised rule language. The subcommittee concurred with the revision.
2. *Amend the process for considering new scope statements.* The subcommittee concurred with the recommendation to amend the process so that all new scope statements are automatically considered at the next meeting, regardless of whether the division needs additional work. Because of time constraints during the session, the revision would give the chair some flexibility in scheduling these new topics for review.
3. *Streamline the process for economy and efficiency topics.* The subcommittee concurred with the recommendation to eliminate the step of staff asking the full committee to approve efficiency topics for development into scope statements. Instead the rules change would simply make staff responsible for always having a few viable efficiency scope statements for committee consideration.
4. *Amend the timeframe for the pre-meeting mailing.* The subcommittee concurred with the recommendation to allow the Post Auditor to distribute confidential copies of the audit reports to the committee no more than seven days before the meeting, but eliminate the phrase, "including the day of the meeting."
5. *Eliminate the 50% goal for efficiency audits.* The subcommittee concurred with the recommendation to eliminate the 50% goal, and to refocus the rule on the committee's process for meeting the K-GOAL requirements.
6. *Remove references to the 2010 Commission.* The subcommittee concurred with the recommendation.

7. *Change occurrences of the phrase, “working papers” to “audit documentation.”* The subcommittee concurred with the recommendation.
8. *Adopt rules regarding outside testimony during committee meetings.* The subcommittee concurred with the recommendation. After discussion, the subcommittee directed that the rule should restrict outside testimony to two situations: (1) legislators would be allowed to testify in support of an audit request and (2) auditees would be allowed to testify in response to an audit. Legislators’ staff, representatives of advocacy groups, members of the public, or other would not be allowed to address the committee. Staff will research whether requesting legislators can get paid for coming to Topeka during the interim to speak on behalf of their audit requests.

Mr. Frank raised the question about the committee should adopt additional rules to govern how meetings are conducted. For example, some committees have rules prohibiting substitute motions. The subcommittee decided not to make any changes.

**Adjournment.** Representative Mast adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

*(All handouts and other documents referred to in these minutes are on file with Legislative Post Audit.)*