

MINUTES
Legislative Post Audit Committee
January 11, 2018

Call to Order

Welcome by the Chair. The meeting was called to order by Chair Barker at 12:05 p.m. in Room 118-N of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Representative John Barker, Chair	Senator Rob Olson, Vice-Chair
Representative Dan Hawkins	Senator Elaine Bowers
Representative Don Schroeder	Senator Anthony Hensley
Representative Ed Trimmer	Senator Laura Kelly
	Senator Julia Lynn

Approval of Minutes. Senator Olson moved approval of the December 15 minutes. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion; motion carried.

Committee Organization

Electing Committee Leadership. Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor, explained the process for organizing the committee for 2018.

Selecting a Chair. Chair Barker called for nominations. Senator Lynn nominated Senator Olson. There were no other nominations. Senator Lynn moved approval of Senator Olson as Chair. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Selecting a Vice-Chair. Chair Barker called for nominations. Senator Olson nominated Representative Hawkins. There were no other nominations. Senator Olson moved approval of Representative Hawkins as Vice-Chair. Senator Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Selecting an Executive Committee Member. Senator Hensley announced that Senator Kelly will be leaving the committee and will be replaced by Senator Lynn Rogers at a future date. Senator Hensley recommended that election of the Executive Committee member be deferred to the next meeting, at which time he intended to nominate Senator Rogers for the position. The Chair agreed to defer that election until the next meeting.

At this point, Senator Olson assumed the chair.

Audit Topics

Limited scope audit requests. Justin Stowe, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed two new audit requests. He reminded members that under LPAC Rule 1-3(b)(1), a limited-scope audit request which has been preliminarily approved by the chairperson shall appear as an agenda item at the next meeting of the committee. Any member who has an objection to a limited-scope audit approved by the chairperson must move to remove the limited-scope audit from the list of approved audits and to treat it as a regular performance audit.

Mr. Stowe indicated that the chair had preliminarily approved the following limited-scope audit requests:

- *Department of Commerce: Evaluating a Sample of the Former Secretary's Expenses* (Requested by Senator Anthony Hensley)
- *Department of Commerce: Evaluating a Sample of Contracts Awarded under Former Secretary Soave* (Requested by Senator Anthony Hensley)

Senator Lynn moved to disapprove both audit requests. Representative Hawkins seconded. Motion carried on a 5-3 vote. Representative Trimmer, Senator Hensley, and Senator Kelly voted against the motion.

IT project oversight proposal. Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager, presented a proposal for an audit examining issues related to the statutory definition or monetary threshold for major IT projects. No formal committee action was required.

Legislative Post Audit Operations

Discussion of personnel. Scott Wells, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes, discussed the statutes and process related to selecting a Legislative Post Auditor, following the earlier announcement that Scott Frank had tendered his resignation to take a position with the Washington State Auditor's Office.

Representative Barker made the following motion:

I move to recess this open meeting for a closed meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-4319(a) to discuss matters relating to the departure of the Post Auditor, including recommendations for an interim or permanent successor, under the justification listed in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-4319(b)(1) because this constitutes a need to discuss a personnel matter of nonelected personnel, which if discussed in open session, might invade the privacy of those discussed; to resume the open meeting in

Room 118-N at 12:55 p.m., and to record this motion, if adopted, in the minutes as a part of the committee's permanent records.

Senator Kelly seconded. Motion adopted at 12:35 p.m.

The open meeting resumed at 12:55 p.m. Representative Barker moved appointment of Justin Stowe as Interim Post Auditor, effective after Mr. Frank's last day on February 2, 2018. Senator Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried. Members thanked Mr. Frank for his years of service to the committee, and wished him well in his new role.

Wrap-Up

Additional business. There was no additional business.

Date of next meeting. Mr. Frank said the next meeting likely will be held in late February. Staff will work with the new chair to set an exact date.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



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Nicole Blanchett, Secretary
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

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