Members Present:
Senator Judy Burges, Chair - 2015
Senator Nancy Barto
Senator Lupe Contreras
Senator David Farnsworth
Representative John Allen, Chair - 2016
Representative Anthony Kern
Representative Debbie McCune Davis
Representative Rebecca Rios
Representative Kelly Townsend
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Members Absent:
Senator Lynne Pancrazi
Senator Andy Biggs, Ex-officio
Representative David Gowan, Ex-officio

Staff:
Cherie Stone, Senate Research Analyst
Sharon Carpenter, House Research Analyst

Chairman Burges called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Burges stated that without objection, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee minutes of October 22, 2014 will stand approved as distributed.

Consideration of audit request

Debra K. Davenport, Arizona Auditor General, distributed a handout entitled “A Report to the Arizona Legislature, Joint Legislative Audit Committee” (Attachment A) and gave the background on the consideration of audit request. Ms. Davenport answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Allen moved that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve the Arizona Auditor General to conduct a special audit of the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board to be issued by August 31, 2016 that reviews the Board’s:

- Revenues and Expenditures;
- Grant Process;
- Program Evaluation Processes;
• Media Outreach Efforts; and
• Processes for Identifying Duplicative Areas or Collaborative Opportunities”.

The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

**Consideration and approval of proposed 2016-2017 performance audit and sunset review schedule**

Ms. Davenport gave an overview of the Auditor General’s Report (Attachment A) on the Consideration and approval of proposed 2016-2017 performance audit and sunset review schedule. Ms. Davenport answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Allen moved that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve the Proposed 2016-2017 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Schedule. The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

**Consideration and approval of additions to 2016 Committees of Reference assignments**

Ms. Davenport gave an overview of the Auditor General’s Report (Attachment A) on the Consideration and Approval of Additions to 2016 Committees of Reference Assignments.

Representative Allen moved that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve the additions to the Committees of Reference Assignments for the 2016 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Schedule as presented. The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

**Presentation and status update of legislatively directed work in Department of Child Safety**

Dale Chapman, Director, Performance Audit, Office of the Arizona Auditor General, gave a presentation on the Auditor General’s Report distributed (Attachment A) and status update of legislatively directed work in the Department of Child Safety. Mr. Chapman answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Presentation of financial audit schedule and consideration of cost reimbursement audits for fiscal Year 2016**

Jay Zsorey, Director, Financial Audit Division, Office of the Auditor General, gave a presentation on the Auditor General’s Report (Attachment A) on the financial audit schedule and consideration of cost reimbursement audits for fiscal year 2016. Mr. Zsorey answered questions posed by the Committee.
Representative Allen moved that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve the Auditor General’s Financial Audit Division to perform federally mandated work on a cost-reimbursement basis. The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

Presentation and status update of school-wide audit team schedule for 2016-2017

Ross Ehrick, Director, Division of School Audits, Office of the Auditor General, gave a presentation on the Auditor General’s Report (Attachment A) on the status update of school-wide audit team schedule for 2016-2017 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Closing Comments

Senator Farnsworth made closing remarks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

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