

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

May 25, 2022

9:00 A.M., HHR 1

Members Present:

Senator Nancy Barto, Vice Chair
Senator Rosanna Gabaldon
Senator David Livingston
Senator Martin Quezada
Senator Kelly Townsend

Representative Joanne Osborne, Chair
Representative Timothy M. Dunn
Representative Steve Kaiser
Representative Sarah Liguori
Representative Jennifer L. Longdon

Members Excused:

Senator Karen Fann, Ex-officio

Representative Russell "Rusty" Bowers, Ex-officio

Staff:

Stephanie Jensen, House Research Staff
Michael Hans, Senate Research Staff
Hannah Willes, Senate Research Staff

Chairwoman Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and attendance was noted.

Arizona Auditor General's (Office) statutory responsibilities

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, distributed a booklet entitled "Joint Legislative Audit Committee" (Attachment A). Ms. Perry gave an overview of the statutory responsibilities of the Auditor General's office and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Osborne offered comments.

Ms. Perry answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Office work regarding COVID-19 federal relief funding and spending

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, gave an overview of the office work regarding COVID-19 federal relief funding and spending. Ms. Perry introduced Adam Tillard and Cris Cable.

Adam Tillard, Financial Audit Division Manager, Auditor General's Office, gave an overview of the federal funds allocated to the State of Arizona and its local government for COVID-19 response and relief efforts, referencing (Attachment A). Mr. Tillard answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Quezada offered comments.

Representative Osborne offered comments.

Senator Livingston offered comments.

Ms. Perry answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Livingston offered additional comments.

Mr. Tillard answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Livingston offered additional comments.

Ms. Perry answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Cris Cable, Accountability Services Director, Auditor General's Office, gave an overview of the district, charter, and ADE COVID-19 spending special report and these entities' future spending plans of the COVID-19 federal relief monies, referencing (Attachment A).

Senator Livingston offered comments.

Ms. Cable answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Livingston offered additional comments.

Ms. Cable continued giving the overview and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Livingston offered additional comments.

Representative Liguori offered comments.

Representative Kaiser offered comments.

Ms. Perry and Ms. Cable answered questions posed by the Committee.

Office workforce update

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, presented an update of the Auditor General's Office's workforce and requested an increase to the Office's fiscal year 2023 appropriation to fund targeted salary increases and employee-related costs for their professional staff.

Representative Osborne offered comments.

Ms. Perry answered questions posed by the Committee.

Office special audits update

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, gave an overview of updates on the special audit assignments the Auditor General's Office receives and its impact on the Office's workload, referencing (Attachment A).

Adam Tiller, Financial Audit Division Manager, Auditor General's Office, gave a presentation entitled "Arizona Secretary of State, Maricopa County, and Pima County, Use of Private, Nongovernmental Grant Monies and Maricopa County Voting System Procurement" (Attachment A). Mr. Tiller answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Townsend offered comments.

Representative Osborne offered comments.

Mr. Tiller continued with the presentation and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Osborne offered additional comments.

Next 2022 JLAC Meeting

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, gave an overview and recommendation for the next JLAC meeting.

Representative Osborne offered comments.

Senator Barto offered comments.

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hong
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)