



**Legislative Audit Committee**  
**March 26, 2024**  
**Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on March 26, 2024, at 7:33 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Chambers. Representative Lisa Frizell called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

**Committee Members**

Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 7:40 a.m.), Representative William Lindstedt, Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Jim Smallwood (LAC temporary replacement for Senator Kevin Van Winkle) (arrived 7:38 a.m.), Representative Andrew Boesenecker (Vice Chair), Representative Lisa Frizell (Chair)

The following Office of the State Auditor (OSA) staff attended:

**OSA**

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Michelle Colin (Deputy State Auditor); Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor)

**Other Attendees**

Colorado Energy Office

Eric Cowan, Clean Energy Finance Program Manager

Colorado New Energy Improvement District

Michael Turner, Chair, Board of Directors

Grant Nelson, Vice Chair, Board of Directors

Marcus McAskin, Legal Counsel

Office of Legislative Legal Services

Jed Franklin, Staff Attorney

Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting

George Skiles, Partner

7:34 a.m.

### **Colorado New Energy Improvement District, Performance Audit, March 2024**

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to release the *Colorado New Energy Improvement District, Performance Audit, March 2024*. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced self and contractor.

Mr. Turner (*Colorado New Energy District*) introduced self, Vice Chair, and staff.

Mr. Cowan (*Colorado Energy Office*) introduced self.

Mr. Skiles (*Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting*) presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Colorado New Energy Improvement District (District).

Discussion ensued regarding cash flows, special assessments, administrative fees, project forecasts, decline in projects, and participation trends in other states.

Recommendation 2 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the District.

Discussion ensued regarding projected cost savings to property owners, investment to savings ratio, possible updates to statute, implementation dates, cash flow, and recent legislation to expand program to include water projects.

8:39 a.m.

### **Minutes**

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to approve the *March 12, 2024, LAC hearing minutes*. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Connect for Health Colorado Audit Request**

Auditor Hunter presented an overview the *Connect for Health Colorado Audit Request*.

Senator Michaelson Jenet and Senator Smallwood presented additional background on the request.

Senator Smallwood made a motion to approve preliminary research time. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the history of Connect for Health Colorado, and a request to delay the audit request vote.

As a motion was made and seconded prior to the request to delay, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 6-2. The results were as follows:

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – No

Representative Lindstedt – No  
Senator Michaelson Jenet – Yes  
Senator Pelton – Yes  
Senator Smallwood – Yes  
Representative Boesenecker – Yes  
Representative Frizell - Yes

8:48 a.m.

**Proposed 2024 LAC Interim Calendar**

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to approve the *Proposed 2024 LAC Interim Calendar*. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:49 a.m.

**Reports Released Without a Hearing**

Representative Boesenecker made a motion to release the *Reports Released Without a Hearing*. Senator Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

**Hearing adjourned at 8:52 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

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