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Legislative Audit Committee December 15, 2020 Minutes

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A meeting of the Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened on December 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old State Library, Room 271. Representative Lori Saine called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following results:

Committee Members

Representative Rod Bockenfeld, Senator Rhonda Fields (Remote), Representative Tracy Kraft-Tharp (Remote), Senator Paul Lundeen, Senator Robert Rodriguez (Remote), Senator Rob Woodward, Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet (Vice-Chair) (Remote), Representative Lori Saine (Chair)

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

OSA

Dianne E. Ray, State Auditor

Other Attendees

Colorado Office of Legislative Legal Services

Bob Lackner, Managing Senior Attorney

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10:17 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The following witnesses testified (in order of appearance)

Jenna Ellis, Senior Legal Advisor (*President Trump Legal Team*) (Remote)

Scott Gessler, Former Colorado Secretary of State

Pam Anderson, Executive Director (*Colorado County Clerks Association*)

Gilbert Ortiz, County Clerk and Recorder (*Pueblo County*)

Chuck Broerman, County Clerk and Recorder (*El Paso County*)

Merlin Klotz, County Clerk and Recorder (*Douglas County*)

Wayne Williams, Former Colorado Secretary of State

Neal McBurnett (Remote)

Tom Bjorklund, Founder (*Tactical Data Solutions, Inc.*)

Harvey Branscombe (Remote)

Shawn Smith

Sixty-two individuals provided written testimony via email

6:01 p.m.

Colorado Secretary of State provided a written statement to the Legislative Audit Committee.

6:04 p.m.

Senator Woodward provided a written audit request to conduct a performance and financial audit of the Colorado Secretary of State's Office and made a motion to approve the audit request. Senator Lundeen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion failed on a tie vote.

Representative Bockenfeld – Yes

Senator Fields – No

Representative Kraft-Tharp – No

Senator Lundeen – Yes

Senator Rodriguez – No

Senator Woodward – Yes

Representative Michaelson Jenet – No

Representative Saine – Yes

6:10 p.m.

Senator Lundeen made a motion to request the necessary time and resources for the Office of the State Auditor to research the potential of a performance audit focused more specifically around improvements in election management process to increase and enhance the confidence the public would have in public elections in Colorado. Representative Bockenfeld seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion failed on a tie vote.

Representative Bockenfeld – Yes

Senator Fields – No

Representative Kraft-Tharp – No

Senator Lundeen – Yes

Senator Rodriguez – No

Senator Woodward – Yes

Representative Michaelson Jenet – No

Representative Saine – Yes

Hearing adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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