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### Colorado Will Be Getting a New State Auditor

DENVER—The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC), after conducting a national search, has officially selected Kerri L. Hunter, CPA, as their final candidate for appointment as Colorado’s next State Auditor. Current State Auditor, Dianne Ray, announced earlier this year that she would not be seeking another term, and, since that time, the LAC has been conducting a search for her replacement.

“As a Boettcher Foundation Scholar, with more than 26 years with the Office of the State Auditor, and a passion for making a difference for the citizens of Colorado, Kerri Hunter is the right choice for the next State Auditor. We are excited for what she brings to the job,” said LAC Chair, Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet.

The State Auditor oversees the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) and is a constitutionally established position within Colorado’s Legislative Branch. The General Assembly appoints the State Auditor, without regard to political affiliation, to serve a 5-year term.

“I’m grateful for this tremendous opportunity to lead the OSA and its staff as we continue to produce high-quality work that promotes accountability and positive change in government,” said Ms. Hunter.

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“Kerri’s leadership in this new role will be a great asset for the OSA and Colorado state government,” said current State Auditor, Dianne Ray, on the selection.

Now that the LAC has named their final candidate, Ms. Hunter’s name will be recommended to the Legislature’s Executive Committee and a joint resolution officially making the appointment will be approved by the LAC and voted on by the full General Assembly. Auditor Ray’s term ends on June 30, 2021, and, once she is officially appointed by the General Assembly, Auditor Hunter’s term will commence on July 1, 2021, and run through June 30, 2026.

Ms. Hunter joined the OSA as a staff auditor in 1994 and, for the past 10 years, has served as the OSA’s Deputy State Auditor for Financial Audits. She is highly regarded as a subject matter expert in government auditing and participates in various professional organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants, the National State Auditors Association, and State Employees Leading Colorado. In 2016, Ms. Hunter was named by the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as one of three “Women to Watch” in the Emerging Leader category. A Colorado native, Ms. Hunter grew up on Colorado’s Eastern Plains and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Denver on a Boettcher Foundation Scholarship. Ms. Hunter is a licensed certified public accountant in Colorado.

The OSA is the State’s nonpartisan, independent external auditor responsible for performing independent financial, performance, and IT audits of state agencies, departments, and institutions of higher education. The OSA also conducts evaluations of the State’s tax expenditures (e.g., credits, exemptions, deductions) established in statute, administers a fraud reporting hotline, and tracks about 4,000 Colorado local governments for compliance with the Local Government Audit Law.

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