



**Legislative Audit Committee**  
**January 17, 2023**  
**Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on January 17, 2023, at 8:03 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present:

**Committee Members**

Representative Andrew Boesenecker, Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 8:06 a.m.), Representative Lisa Frizell, Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (remote) (arrived 8:07 a.m.), Senator Robert Rodriguez (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; Derek Johnson

8:04 a.m.

**Election of Vice Chair**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to nominate Representative Frizell as Vice Chair. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:05 a.m.

**Minutes**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to approve the December 12, 2022, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Frizell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:06 a.m.

**Public Utilities Commission's Oversight of Best Value Employment Metrics Potential Legislation**

Ms. Colin presented an overview of the LAC legislation process and introduced staff.

Mr. Johnson presented a summary of the audit finding, recommendations related to the proposed legislation, an overview of the proposed legislation, and requested sponsors.

The legislation will start in the Senate. Senate prime sponsors are Senator Rodriguez and Senator Fields. House prime sponsors are Representative Michaelson Jenet and Representative Boesenecker.

8:14 a.m.

**Reports Released Without a Hearing**

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

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

**Hearing adjourned at 8:19 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



**Legislative Audit Committee**  
**January 31, 2023**  
**Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on January 31, 2023, at 7:33 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present:

**Committee Members**

Representative Andrew Boesenecker, Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 7:34 a.m.), Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (remote and in-person), Representative Lisa Frizell (arrived 8:17 a.m.), Senator Robert Rodriguez (Chair)

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

**OSA**

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Michelle Colin, Deputy State Auditor; Jenny Atchley, Crystal Dorsey, Lynn Obremski

**Other Attendees**

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

Eve Lieberman, Executive Director

Che Sheehan, Enterprise Zone Manager

Colorado State Fair Authority

Scott Stoller, General Manager

Department of Education

Danielle Ongart, Executive Director, Student Pathways Unit

Department of Human Services

Minna Castillo Cohen, Director, Office of Children, Youth and Families

Jessica Starr, Research Analysis & Data Unit Manager

Trevor Williams, Youth Services Administrator

Eide Bailly LLP

Kimberley Higgins, CPA, Partner

Janeen Hathcock, CPA, Senior Manager

7:33 a.m.

**Colorado State Fair Authority, Financial and Compliance Audit, Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to release the *Colorado State Fair Authority, Financial and Compliance Audit, Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021*. Representative Boesenecker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stoller (*Colorado State Fair Authority*) introduced self.

Ms. Dorsey introduced self, staff, and contractor.

Kimberley Higgins (*Eide Bailly LLP*) introduced contractor staff and presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendations 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Colorado State Fair Authority.

Discussion ensued regarding compliance with the revised GASB standards.

7:59 a.m.

**Minutes**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to approve the January 17, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Enterprise Zone Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Michelle Colin introduced self and presented introductory remarks.

Ms. Lieberman (*Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade*) introduced self and presented an overview of the report.

Mr. Sheehan (*Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade*) introduced self and presented an overview of business funding by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT).

Discussion ensued regarding funding for economically distressed communities.

8:12 a.m.

**Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Foster Care Education Initiative, Performance Audit, February 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Atchley presented an overview of the report.

Ms. Ongart (*Department of Education*) introduced self and presented the Department of Education portion of the status report.

Discussion ensued regarding possible areas for improvement in the foster youth programs, and the location of data related to the audit's recommendations.

Ms. Castillo Cohen introduced self and staff, and presented the Department of Human Services portion of the status report.

8:21 a.m.

**Colorado Department of Corrections Victim Services Unit Audit Request**

Ms. Colin presented an overview of the OSA research regarding the audit request for the *Colorado Department of Corrections Victim Services Unit Audit Request*.

Senator Fields provided additional background on the audit request.

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the requested preliminary research time. Senator Fields seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 7 - 0, with one excused. The results were as follow:

Representative Boesenecker – Yes

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – Yes

Representative Michaelson Jenet – Excused

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Yes

Representative Frizell – Yes

Senator Rodriguez - Yes

8:26 a.m.

**Reports Released Without a Hearing**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Reports Released Without a Hearing*. Senator Fields seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dorsey presented an overview of the reports.

**Hearing adjourned at 8:28 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



**Legislative Audit Committee  
February 14, 2023  
Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on February 14, 2023, at 7:37 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present:

**Committee Members**

Representative Kyle Brown (LAC temporary replacement for Representative Andrew Boesenecker), Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 8:10 a.m.), Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet (remote), Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (remote), Representative Lisa Frizell (Vice Chair), Senator Robert Rodriguez (Chair)

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

**OSA**

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor; Crystal Dorsey, Selome Negassa

**Other Attendees**

Office of the State Controller

Robert Jaros, CPA, MBA, JD, State Controller

Jeffrey Kahn, Director, Financial Reporting & Analysis

7:37 a.m.

**State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*, not including sections for the Department of Transportation, nor the Department of Labor and Employment. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced self and staff.

Mr. Jaros (*Office of the State Controller*) introduced self and staff.

Ms. Edwards presented opening comments.

7:45 a.m.

**State of Colorado, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

Mr. Jaros presented opening comments and an overview of the *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*.

7:55 a.m.

**State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

OSA Staff presented an overview of the Statewide Single Audit.

Recommendation 2022-024 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Office of the State Controller.

Discussion ensued regarding state-department initiated transactions performed after statutory close, and files utilized during the Office of the State Controller's closing process.

8:31 a.m.

**Minutes**

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the January 31, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:32 a.m.

**OSA Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget**

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding OSA staffing vacancies.

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the OSA Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget with authorization to make any changes as prescribed by the Executive Committee or the Joint Budget Committee. Senator Fields seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Hearing adjourned at 8:39 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



## Legislative Audit Committee February 28, 2023 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on February 28, 2023, at 7:09 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, 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 Andrew Boesenecker, Representative Gabe Evans (arrived 7:21 a.m.), Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 7:44 a.m.), Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (remote), Representative Lisa Frizell (Vice Chair), Senator Robert Rodriguez (Chair) (excused)

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

### OSA

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor; Rhiannon Ferguson, Ferminia Hebert

### Other Attendees

#### Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Daniel Chase, Chief of Staff

Darcy Kennedy, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer

Phil Spesshardt, Unemployment Insurance Director

Paulina DeLora, Controller

#### Colorado Department of Transportation

Herman Stockinger, Deputy Executive Director

Jeff Sudmeier, Chief Financial Officer

Amanda Silk, Director of Accounting



FORVIS, LLP

Rob MaCoy, Partner

Anna Thigpen, Director

7:09 a.m.

**State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

Representative Michaleson Jenet made a motion to release the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Colorado Department of Transportation sections of the *State of Colorado, Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*. Representative Boesenecker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced self and staff.

Mr. Chase and staff (*Colorado Department of Labor and Employment*) introduced themselves.

Ms. Hebert presented the Colorado Department of Labor (CDLE) recommendations.

Recommendations 16 and 17 were reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the CDLE.

Recommendation 87 was reviewed and discussed. CDLE agreed with subparts A-D, and disagreed with subpart E.

Discussion ensued regarding fraud review procedures, investigation and collection of fraudulent claims, and procedures for resolving the backlog of claims.

Ms. Edwards introduced staff.

Mr. Stockinger and staff (*Colorado Department of Transportation*) introduced themselves.

FORVIS, LLP staff presented the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recommendations.

Recommendations 35, 76, and 77 were reviewed, discussed and agreed to by CDOT.

8:25 a.m.

**Minutes**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed 2023 LAC Interim Calendar**

The Committee was asked to review the Proposed 2023 LAC Interim Calendar and submit any changes prior to the April 4, 2023, LAC hearing.

8:27 a.m.

**Reports Released Without a Hearing**

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

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

**Hearing adjourned at 8:29 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



## **Legislative Audit Committee March 14, 2023 Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on March 14, 2023, at 8:33 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

### **Committee Members**

Representative Andrew Boesenecker, Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields, Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (excused), Representative Lisa Frizell (Vice Chair), Senator Robert Rodriguez (Chair)

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

### **OSA**

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Marisa Edwards, Deputy State Auditor

8:34 a.m.

### **Minutes**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to approve the February 28, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Frizell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Report Released Without a Hearing**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Report Released Without a Hearing*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued regarding the type of payments outlined in the audit.

**Hearing adjourned at 8:36 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



**Legislative Audit Committee**  
**April 4, 2023**  
**Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on April 4, 2023, at 7:17 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

**Committee Members**

Representative Andrew Boesenecker (remote and in-person), Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields (remote) (arrived 7:49 a.m.), Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (remote) (arrived 8:25 a.m.), Representative Lisa Frizell (Vice Chair) (excused), Senator Robert Rodriguez (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; Nina Frant, Dante LoCicero, Lily Welborn, Stefanie Winzeler

**Other Attendees**

Colorado Department of Transportation

Shoshana Lew, Executive Director

Herman Stockinger, Deputy Executive Director

Keith Stefanik, Chief Engineer

Jeff Sudmeier, Chief Financial Officer

7:18 a.m.

**Department of Transportation, Alternative Delivery Contracting Methods, Performance Audit, March 2023**

Representative Michaleson Jenet made a motion to release the *Department of Transportation, Alternative Delivery Contracting Methods, Performance Audit, March 2023*. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced self and staff.

Ms. Lew (*Colorado Department of Transportation*) introduced self and staff.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Discussion ensued regarding the competitive bid process, and the process for presenting to the Transportation Commission of Colorado (Commission) when utilizing alternative delivery contracting methods.

Recommendation 2 and 3 were reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by CDOT.

Discussion ensued regarding contracts awarded without a bid, the effect of cost overruns on budget, and tracking of contract expiration dates.

Recommendation 4 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by CDOT.

Discussion ensued regarding project cost overruns, and project management utilizing the construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) project delivery method.

Recommendation 5 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by CDOT.

Discussion ensued regarding comparison of the low bid vs. alternative delivery processes.

Recommendation 6 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by CDOT.

Discussion ensued regarding administrative and project oversight and controls, public access to data, Commission's review of project costs, contract process utilized for the extension of the project, and contractors employed for projects.

Recommendation 7 was agreed to by CDOT.

A brief overview of Appendices A, B, and C was presented.

Additional discussion ensued regarding rural highway maintenance, and documentation and archival of lessons learned.

8:46 a.m.

**Minutes**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:47 a.m.

**Emergency Reporting Pursuant to Section 2-3-109(1), C.R.S.**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), C.R.S., to review *Emergency Reporting Pursuant to Section 2-3-109(1), C.R.S.* Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9:01 a.m.

**Executive Session Concluded**

**Emergency Reporting Pursuant to Section 2-3-109(1), C.R.S.**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion that the State Auditor make an oral report to the Governor under Section 2-3-109 (1), C.R.S., regarding evidence of improper practices of financial administration or inadequacy of fiscal records. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9:02 a.m.

**Statewide Internet Portal Authority**

The Statewide Internet Portal Authority portion of the agenda was moved to the June LAC hearing.

**Proposed 2023 LAC Interim Calendar**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to approve the *Proposed 2023 Interim Calendar*. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9:03 a.m.

**Reports Released Without a Hearing**

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

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

**Hearing adjourned at 9:05 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



**Legislative Audit Committee**  
**June 12, 2023**  
**Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on June 12, 2023, at 9:03 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

**Committee Members**

Representative Andrew Boesenecker (excused), Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields, Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (remote), Representative Lisa Frizell (Vice Chair), Senator Robert Rodriguez (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; Crystal Dorsey, Jenny Page, Cindi Radke, Keira Richards, Maya Rosochacova, Cariann Ryan, Sierra Tanner

**Other Attendees**

Auraria Higher Education Center

Zach Hermsen, Chief Financial Officer

Skip Spear, Chief Administrative Officer/General Counsel

Department of Regulatory Agencies

Ginny Brown, Deputy Executive Director

Casey Hensley, Program Manager



Governor's Office of Information Technology

Julia Richman, Deputy Executive Director

Stephen Petty, Director, Security Risk & Compliance, Office of Information Security

Michael McReynolds, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Executive Director's Office

Joint Technology Committee

Senator Ron Weinberg (remote)

Pinnacol Assurance

Howard Carver, Chair of Risk & Audit Committee

John O'Donnell, President and CEO

Kathy Kranz, Vice President and CFO

Public Utilities Commission

Rebecca White, Director

Crowe LLP

Pete Ugo, Partner

Eide Bailly LLP

Anders Erickson, Risk Advisory Principal

Matt Solomon, Risk Advisory Manager

KPMG

Ashley Busse, Partner

Lexi Oberoi, Senior Manager

9:04 a.m.

**Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission, Gas Pipeline Safety Program, Performance Audit, May 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission, Gas Pipeline Safety Program, Performance Audit, May 2023*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced self and staff.

Ms. Brown (*Department of Regulatory Agencies*) introduced self and staff.

Ms. White (*Public Utilities Commission*) introduced self.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

Chapter 1 overview was presented.

Discussion ensued regarding the Aurora pipeline safety investigation, expenses related to staffing, and the time frame utilized for the audit.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Department of Regulatory Agencies (Department).

Discussion ensued regarding federal funding, the State's ranking regarding inspection compliance, standards for time required to perform inspections, definition of the term "small operator," PUC inspector staffing levels, timeline to implement recommendations, definition of the risk-based approach, and oversight of third party inspectors.

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

Discussion ensued regarding compliance orders, safety standards, and incident inspections.

Recommendation 3 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the PUC and Department.

Discussion ensued regarding consistency between warnings, fines, and compliance, and the relationship between penalties and compliance.

Recommendation 4 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the PUC and Department.

Recommendation 5 was reviewed and discussed. Sections A and C-H were agreed to and Section B was partially agreed to by the PUC and Department.

Recommendation 6 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the PUC and Department.

Discussion ensued regarding state and federal training programs, and timeline for implementing training standards.

Recommendations 7 thru 12 were reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the PUC and Department.

10:55 a.m.

**Governor's Office of Information Technology, Cybersecurity Resiliency Public Report, May 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Governor's Office of Information Technology, Cybersecurity Resiliency Public Report, May 2023*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Radke introduced self and contractor.

Ms. Richman (*Governor's Office of Information Technology*) introduced self, and staff introduced themselves. Eide Bailly LLP staff presented an overview of the report.

Discussion ensued regarding previous unfulfilled recommendations.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed and discussed. Sections C-E and H were agreed to, Sections B and F-G were partially agreed to, and Section A was disagreed to by the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT).

Recommendation 2 was reviewed, discussed, and partially agreed to by OIT.

Discussion ensued regarding role-based training.

11:25 a.m.

**Recess**

11:34 a.m.

**Governor's Office of Information Technology, Cybersecurity Resiliency Confidential Report, May 2023**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(IV), C.R.S., to review the *Governor's Office of Information Technology, Cybersecurity Resiliency Confidential Report, May 2023*. Representative Frizell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

12:46 p.m.

**Executive Session Ended**

12:47 p.m.

**Pinnacol Assurance, Statutory-Basis Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules of Investment and Reinsurance Information, December 31, 2022 and 2021, (With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Pinnacol Assurance, Statutory-Basis Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules of Investment and Reinsurance Information, December 31, 2022 and 2021*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced self, staff, and contractor.

Mr. Carver (*Pinnacol Assurance*) introduced self, and Pinnacol Assurance CEO and CFO.

KPMG staff presented an overview of the report.

1:02 p.m.

**Auraria Higher Education Center, Financial and Compliance Audit, Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Auraria Higher Education Center, Financial and Compliance Audit, Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021*. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced staff and contractor.

Mr. Spear (*Auraria Higher Education Center*) introduced self and staff.

Crowe LLP staff presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendations 1 and 2 were reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Auraria Higher Education Center.

1:15 p.m.

### **Minutes**

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Senator Fields seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Statewide Internet Portal Authority Required Reporting**

Ms. Edwards presented the required overview of the Statewide Internet Portal Authority financial statements.

1:17 p.m.

### **Member Request to Discontinue Approved Audit Request of the Department of Corrections Victim Notification Program**

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the request to discontinue the previously approved audit request.

Senator Fields presented additional background on the request.

Discussion ensued regarding legislation addressing issues raised in the original audit request.

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the discontinuation of the audit request of the Department of Corrections Victim Notification Program. Senator Fields seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 5 - 0, with three excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Boesenecker – Excused

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – Yes

Representative Michaelson Jenet – Excused

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Excused

Representative Frizell – Yes

Senator Rodriguez – Yes

1:20 p.m.

### **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Colorado EnviroScreen Audit Request**

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the audit request.

Representative Evans presented additional background on the request.

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the requested preliminary research time. Representative Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 7 - 0, with one excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Boesenecker - Excused

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – Yes

Representative Michaelson Jenet – Yes

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Yes

Representative Frizell – Yes

Senator Rodriguez – Yes

**Hearing adjourned at 1:25 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



## Legislative Audit Committee August 7, 2023 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on August 7, 2023, at 9:02 a.m. in the Legislative Services Building, Audit Hearing Room B. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

### Committee Members

Representative Andrew Boesenecker, Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields (remote), Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle (remote), Representative Lisa Frizell (Vice Chair), Senator Robert Rodriguez (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; Jenny Atchley, Dana Berry, Ferminia Hebert, Zach Robertson, Laura Russell, Xiuqing Skeates, Trey Standley, Annalisa Triola,

### Other Attendees

#### Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Danielle Isenhart, License, Reservations and Customer Operations Manager  
Kelly Kaemerer, Assistant Director, Information & Education

#### Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA)

Amy C. McGarrity, Interim Executive Director/Chief Investment Officer (Remote)  
Michael Steppat, Public & Government Affairs Manager

#### Department of Human Services

Mollie Bradlee, Deputy Director, Office of Children, Youth, and Families

Department of Natural Resources

Dan Gibbs, Executive Director

Department of Revenue

Mark Ferrandino, Executive Director (through July 31, 2023)

Michael Phibbs, Senior Director, Specialized Business Group

Division of Gaming

Christopher Schroeder, Director, Division of Gaming

Brett Buckingham, Agent in Charge, Sports Betting and Fantasy Sports

Marijuana Enforcement Division

Dominique Mendiola, Senior Director

Kyle Lambert, Deputy Senior Director

Other General Assembly Member

Eliza Hamrick, Colorado State Representative

Segal

Brad Ramirez, FSA, MSAA, EA; Vice President and Actuary

Matt Strom, FSA, MAAA, EA; Senior Vice President and Actuary

Melissa Krumholz, FSA, MAAA; Vice President, Health Actuary

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Sean Walker, Principal

Brittany Smith, Manager

9:03 a.m.

**Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division, Performance Audit, July 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division, Performance Audit, July 2023*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced self and staff.

Mr. Ferrandino (*Department of Revenue*) introduced self.

Marijuana Enforcement Division staff introduced themselves.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Marijuana Enforcement Division (Division).

Discussion ensued regarding the use of MyLO and METRC to capture high risk policies, an overview of the METRC system, and timeline for implementation of an updated system.

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

Discussion ensued regarding differences between liquor and marijuana regulations, consistency of enforcement actions, Division's ability to query mitigating factors, analysis of enforcement actions for community and retail locations, and identification and enforcement actions surrounding the use of fraudulent IDs.

Recommendation 3 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Department of Revenue.

10:22 a.m.

### **Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services Reporting, Performance Audit, July 2023**

Representative Michaelson Jenet made a motion to release the *Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services Reporting, Performance Audit, July 2023*. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Bradlee (*Department of Human Services*) introduced self.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Department of Human Services.

Discussion ensued regarding recognition of the Department of Human Services' efforts in reducing recidivism rates.

10:38 a.m.

### **Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) Reports:**

- **Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**
- **Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado, Financial Audit, Year Ended December 31, 2022**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado, Financial Audit, Year Ended December 31, 2022*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced self and contractor.

Ms. McGarrity (*Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association*) introduced self, staff, and actuaries.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP staff presented an overview of the PERA Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and PERA Financial Audit.

Segal staff presented an overview of the actuarial report on the retirement and health plans.

Discussion ensued regarding the effect of increases in salaries and contributions on actuarial projections, PERA's historical performance, and structure of PERA's real estate investments.



11:57 a.m.

**State of Colorado Higher Education Institutions, Athletic Programs Financial Compilation, Informational Report, July 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *State of Colorado Higher Education Institutions, Athletic Programs Financial Compilation, Informational Report, July 2023*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced staff.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

12:22 p.m.

**Minutes**

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Department of Revenue, Sports Betting, Performance Audit, April 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Atchley presented an overview of the report.

Mr. Phibbs (*Department of Revenue*) introduced self.

Mr. Schroeder (*Division of Gaming*) introduced self and staff.

Division of Gaming staff presented the status report.

Discussion ensued regarding the current status for completion of partially implemented recommendations.

12:33 p.m.

**Department of Natural Resources, State Park Campsite Reservations, Performance Audit, May 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Atchley presented an overview of the report.

Mr. Gibbs (*Department of Natural Resources*) introduced self and staff of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff presented the status report.

12:40 p.m.

**State of Colorado Higher Education Institutions, Athletic Programs Financial Compilation, Informational Report, July 2023**

Discussion ensued regarding correlation of financial aid for student athletes to race and graduation rates for Division 1 and 2 schools.

12:41 p.m.

### **State of Colorado's System for Transferring College Credits Audit Request**

Auditor Hunter presented an overview of the audit request for the State of Colorado's system for transferring college credits.

Senator Rodriguez presented additional background on the request.

Discussion ensued regarding concurrent enrollment credits.

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the requested preliminary research time. Representative Michaelson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 7 - 0, with one excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Boesenecker - Yes

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – Yes

Representative Michaelson Jenet – Yes

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Excused

Representative Frizell – Yes

Senator Rodriguez – Yes

12:44 p.m.

### **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Colorado EnviroScreen Audit Request**

Ms. Colin presented an overview of the OSA research regarding the audit request for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Colorado EnviroScreen.

Representative Evans presented additional background on the request.

Discussion ensued regarding EnviroScreen version 1.0 and the development of version 2.0, and methodologies utilized by the EnviroScreen tool.

Representative Evans made a motion to approve the audit request. Representative Frizell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion failed with 3 ayes, 4 nays, with one excused.

The results were as follows:

Representative Boesenecker - No

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – No

Representative Michaelson Jenet – No

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Excused

Representative Frizell – Yes

Senator Rodriguez – No

12:58 p.m.

**Report Released Without a Hearing**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Report Released Without a Hearing*. Representative Michaelson Jenet seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the report.

**Hearing adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



**Legislative Audit Committee**  
**October 16, 2023**  
**Minutes**

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on October 16, 2023, at 9:02 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

**Committee Members**

Representative Ryan Armagost (LAC temporary replacement for Representative Lisa Frizell), Representative Andrew Boesenecker (remote), Representative Gabe Evans, Senator Rhonda Fields, Senator Rod Pelton (remote), Senator Kevin Van Winkle (excused), Senator Robert Rodriguez (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; Dana Berry, Crystal Dorsey, Gina Faulkner, Catherine Friday, Derek Johnson, Chris McClain, Lynn Obremski, Laura Russell, Kate Shiroff, Riley Staples, Heidi Wagner

**Other Attendees**

Colorado Department of Education

Amy Carman, Executive Director of School Finance and Grants

Colorado Lottery

Tom Seaver, Director

Nancy Bartosz, Controller

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Ralph Choate, Chief Operating Officer and Medicaid Operations Office Director

Rachel Reiter, Policy, Communications, and Administration Office Director

Antoinette Taranto, Chief Client Officer

Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission

Erin O'Neill, Chief Economist

Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles

Rosalie Johnson, Senior Deputy Director, Motorist Services

Lori Daigle, Director, Driver License

Stephanie Fuentes, Operational Data Manager, Motorist Services - Data Office

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Brigadier General Laura Clellan, Adjutant General

Michael Bruno, Deputy Executive Director

David Callahan, Director, Division of Veterans Affairs

Eric Winterrowd, Veterans Services Supervisor, Division of Veterans Affairs

Parker White, Legislative Liaison and Public Information Officer

Eagle County RE-50 School District

Sandra Farrell, Chief Operations Officer

Elizabeth School District

Dan Snowberger, Superintendent

Englewood School District

Joanna Polzin, Superintendent

Mary Cooper, Executive Director of Budget and Finance

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)

Jackie Miller, Executive Director

Patty Imhoff, GOCO Board Member

Christy Reeves, Controller

Meeker RE-1 School District

Chris Selle, Superintendent (Remote)

Other General Assembly Member

Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Colorado State Senator (Remote)

Eide Bailly LLP

Sara Kurtz, CPA, Partner

FORVIS, LLP

Christopher J. Telli, CPA, CIA, Partner

9:03 a.m.

**Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, Medicaid Correspondence, Performance Audit, September 2023**

Representative Armagost made a motion to release the *Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, Medicaid Correspondence, Performance Audit, September 2023*. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced self and staff.

Mr. Choate (*Department of Health Care Policy and Financing*) introduced self and staff.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department).

Discussion ensued regarding duplication of letters, denial of benefits, instructions outlined in the letters, internal controls, and timeline for recommendation implementation.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the accuracy of information provided by vendors to recipients, oversight of vendors, prior authorizations, and timeline for recommendation implementation.

Recommendation 3 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Department.

Discussion ensued regarding Department resource allocation and leadership, timeline for recommendation implementation, accuracy of coverage information provided to recipients, vendor communication training, and contracting standards.

10:14 a.m.

**Colorado Lottery, Financial and Compliance Audit, June 30, 2023 and 2022**

Representative Armagost made a motion to release the *Colorado Lottery, Financial and Compliance Audit, June 30, 2023 and 2022*. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced self and staff.

Mr. Seaver (*Colorado Lottery*) introduced self and staff.

Mr. Telli (*FORVIS, LLP*) presented an overview of the audit.

10:38 a.m.

**State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund, Financial and Compliance Audit, For the Years June 30, 2023 and 2022**

Representative Armagost made a motion to release the *State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund, Financial and Compliance Audit, For the Years June 30, 2023 and 2022*. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced staff.

Ms. Miller (*Great Outdoors Colorado*) introduced self, GOCO Board Member, and staff.

Ms. Kurtz (*Eide Bailly LLP*) presented an overview of the audit

10:56 a.m.

**Colorado Department of Education, Colorado School Districts, Fiscal Health Analysis, Fiscal Years 2020-2022, Informational Report, September 2023**

Representative Armagost made a motion to release the *Colorado Department of Education, Colorado School Districts, Fiscal Health Analysis, Fiscal Years 2020-2022, Informational Report, September 2023*. Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced staff.

Ms. Carman (*Colorado Department of Education*) introduced self.

Ms. Farrell (*Eagle County RE-50 School District*) introduced self.

Mr. Snowberger (*Elizabeth School District*) introduced self.

Ms. Polzin (*Englewood School District*) introduced self and staff.

Mr. Selle (*Meeke RE-1 School District*) introduced self.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the report.

Eagle County RE-50 School District discussed their response.

Discussion ensued regarding key factors related to district missing its benchmark.

Elizabeth School District discussed their response.

Englewood School District discussed their response.

Meeke RE-1 School District discussed their response.

11:45 a.m.

**Minutes**

Representative Armagost made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Senator Fields seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Utilities Commission, Consideration of Best Value Employment Metrics in Electric Utility Resource Acquisition, Performance Audit, July 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Mr. Johnson presented an overview of the report.

Ms. O'Neill (*Public Utilities Commission*) introduced self and presented the status report.

11:51 a.m.

**Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, Driver License Services, Performance Audit, August 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Russell presented an overview of the report, noting that all recommendations were fully implemented.

Ms. Johnson (*Division of Motor Vehicles*) introduced self and presented the status report.

11:55 a.m.

**Veterans Services Legislation**

Ms. Colin introduced self and presented an overview of the potential legislation.

Brigadier General Clellan (*Department of Military and Veterans Affairs*) introduced self.

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Staff introduced themselves and answered questions.

Discussion ensued regarding counties that have accredited Veterans Service Officers (VSOs), the process for combining resources across counties if legislative requirements could not be met, counties that would need to aggregate resources to meet the 1000-hour requirement, federal requirements, and distance to travel to VSOs if resources were combined.

Representative Armagost made a motion to have staff work with Legislative Legal Services to prepare a bill draft. Representative Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 6 – 0, with one excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Armagost – Yes

Representative Boesenecker – Yes

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – Yes

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Excused

Senator Rodriguez – Yes



12:04 p.m.

**State of Colorado’s System for Transferring College Credits Audit Request**

Ms. Colin presented an overview of the OSA research regarding the audit request of the State of Colorado’s system for transferring college credits.

Senator Rodriguez presented additional background on the request.

OSA Staff answered questions.

Discussion ensued regarding concurrent enrollment credits.

Representative Armagost made a motion to approve the audit request. Senator Fields seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 6 – 0, with one excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Armagost – Yes

Representative Boesenecker – Yes

Representative Evans – Yes

Senator Fields – Yes

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Excused

Senator Rodriguez – Yes

12:10 p.m.

**Required Communication to Those Charged with Governance**

Representative Armagost made a motion to conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), C.R.S., to review the *Required Communication to Those Charged with Governance* (a work paper of the Fiscal Year 2023 Statewide Audit that is required to be kept confidential per Section 2-3-103(3), C.R.S.). Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

12:17 p.m.

**Executive Session concluded**

12:18 p.m.

**Proposed 2024 Session Calendar**

The Committee was asked to review the Proposed 2024 LAC Session Calendar and submit any changes prior to the December 11, 2023, LAC hearing.

12:19 p.m.

**Report Released Without a Hearing**

Representative Armagost made a motion to release the *Report Released Without a Hearing*. Senator Fields seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the report.

**Hearing adjourned at 12:20 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor



## Legislative Audit Committee December 11, 2023 Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on December 11, 2023, at 9:01 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Robert Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present or excused:

### Committee Members

Representative Gabe Evans (excused), Senator Rhonda Fields (arrived 9:08 a.m., remote and in-person), Representative William Lindstedt, Representative Matthew Martinez (LAC temporary replacement for Representative Andrew Boesenecker, remote), Senator Rod Pelton, Senator Kevin Van Winkle, Representative Lisa Frizell (Vice Chair), Senator Robert Rodriguez (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; Dana Berry, Crystal Dorsey, Nina Frant, Derek Johnson, Adrien Kordas, Hudson Marsh, Chris McClain, Jenny Page, Cindi Radke, Maya Rosochacova, Kate Shiroff

### Other Attendees

#### Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs

Colonel Sheila M. Q. Scanlon, USMC (retired), Chair

#### Colorado Lottery

Stanley Podolski III, Chair, Lottery Commission (Remote)

Bill Clayton, Vice Chair, Lottery Commission

Tom Seaver, Director

Jennifer Anderson, Deputy Director

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

David Callahan, Ph.D., Director, Division of Veterans Affairs  
Sarah Edwards, Chief Operating Officer  
Parker White, Legislative Liaison and Public Information Officer

Department of Public Safety

Kevin Klein, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director  
Tanya Olsen, Controller

Governor's Office of Information Technology

David Edinger, Chief Information Officer and Executive Director  
William Chumley, Chief Customer Officer  
Jill Fraser, Interim Chief Information Security Officer  
Michael McReynolds, Legislative Liaison

Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting

Mark Ferrandino, Executive Director  
Sherry Wolfe, Deputy Director for Budget

Office of Legislative Legal Services

Jacob Baus, Senior Attorney

Office of the State Controller

Robert Jaros, State Controller  
Jeffrey Kahn, Director of Financial Reporting & Analysis

9:01 a.m.

**Department of Revenue, Colorado Lottery, Colorado Lottery Performance Audit, November 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Department of Revenue, Colorado Lottery, Colorado Lottery Performance Audit, November 2023*. Senator Van Winkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colin introduced self and staff.

Mr. Seaver (*Colorado Lottery*) introduced self, Lottery Commission Chair and Vice Chair, and staff. OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Lottery Commission (Commission) and the Colorado Lottery (Lottery).

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

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of operating policies and procedures.

Recommendation 3 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Lottery.

Discussion ensued regarding retail compliance enforcement procedures, recommendations' timeline, and personnel utilized for compliance checks.

Recommendation 4 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Lottery.

Recommendation 5 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Lottery.

Discussion ensued regarding investigations of winning claims, random distribution of lottery tickets, community perception of the ability to win any given game, and the integrity of lottery games.

Recommendation 6 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Lottery.

Discussion ensued regarding procurement procedures.

10:18 a.m.

**Schedule of TABOR Revenue, Fiscal Year 2023, Performance Audit, November 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Schedule of TABOR Revenue, Fiscal Year 2023, Performance Audit, November 2023*. Senator Van Winkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced self and staff.

Mr. Jaros (*Office of the State Controller*) introduced self and staff.

OSA Staff presented an overview of the audit.

10:34 a.m.

**State of Colorado, Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, Performance Audit, November 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *State of Colorado, Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, Performance Audit, November 2023*. Senator Van Winkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards introduced staff.

Ms. Dorsey presented an overview of the audit.

10:46 a.m.

**Annual Report: Status of Audit Recommendations Not Fully Implemented as of June 30, 2023, Informational Report, November 2023**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Annual Report: Status of Audit Recommendations Not Fully Implemented as of June 30, 2023, Informational Report, November 2023*. Senator Van Winkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Page introduced self and presented an overview of the report.

10:58 a.m.

### **Minutes**

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the October 16, 2023, LAC hearing minutes. Senator Van Winkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

10:59 a.m.

### **Department of Public Safety, Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting, The Disaster Emergency Fund, Performance Audit, December 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Shiroff presented an overview of the Department of Public Safety report.

Mr. Klein (*Department of Public Safety*) introduced self, presented the status report, and introduced staff.

Ms. Shiroff presented an overview of the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting report.

Mr. Ferrandino (*Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting*) introduced self and presented the status report.

11:05 a.m.

### **Veterans Services Legislation**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Dr. Callahan (*Department of Military and Veterans Affairs*) introduced self and staff.

Ms. Frant presented an overview of the potential legislation.

Discussion ensued regarding accreditation requirements and training for Veterans Service Officers (VSO), access to veteran's benefits, and procedures to help families procure benefits.

Representative Frizell made a motion to move the bill draft to bill paper. Senator Fields seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 7-0, with one excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Evans – Excused

Senator Fields – Yes

Representative Lindstedt – Yes

Representative Martinez – Yes

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Yes

Representative Frizell - Yes

Senator Rodriguez – Yes

Prime sponsors were Senator Pelton, Senator Fields, Representative Frizell, and Representative Lindstedt. Co-sponsors were Senator Rodriguez, Senator Van Winkle, and Representative Martinez.

11:25 a.m.

**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Services (Public Report), Performance Audit, September 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Berry presented an overview of the report.

Dr. Callahan (*Department of Military and Veterans Affairs*) presented the status report.

Colonel Scanlan (*Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs*) introduced self and presented the status report.

Discussion ensued commending the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for its diligence in implementing the recommendations.

11:34 a.m.

**Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Services (Confidential Report), Performance Audit, September 2022, Status Report**

Representative Frizell made a motion to conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(IV), C.R.S., to review the *Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Services (Confidential Report), Performance Audit, September 2022, Status Report* (a discussion of implementation of specialized security arrangements to protect sensitive veteran data). Senator Pelton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 7-0, with one excused. The results were as follows:

Representative Evans – Excused

Senator Fields – Yes

Representative Lindstedt – Yes

Representative Martinez – Yes

Senator Pelton – Yes

Senator Van Winkle – Yes

Representative Frizell - Yes

Senator Rodriguez – Yes

11:43 a.m.

**Executive Session concluded**

11:45 a.m.

**Office of Information Technology, Information Technology Service Management, Performance Evaluation, February 2022, Status Report**

Ms. Radke introduced self and presented an overview of the report.

Mr. Fraser (*Governor's Office of Information Technology*) introduced self and presented the status report.

Mr. Edinger (*Governor's Office of Information Technology*) introduced self.

11:50 a.m.

**Colorado Office of the State Auditor, Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report**

Ms. Colin presented an overview of the report.

Auditor Hunter recognized staff.

1158 a.m.

**State Employee Protection Act Report, Request for Preliminary Research**

Auditor Hunter introduced the *State Employee Protection Act Report* and requested time for preliminary research. Representative Frizell made a motion to approve preliminary research. Senator Van Winkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

11:59 a.m.

**Proposed 2024 Session Calendar**

Representative Frizell made a motion to approve the *Proposed 2024 Session Calendar*. Senator Van Winkle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

12:00 p.m.

**Procedures for January Election of Vice Chair**

Auditor Hunter presented the *Procedures for January Election of Vice Chair*. The next Vice Chair will be a House Democrat.

12:01 p.m.

**Reports Released Without a Hearing**

Representative Frizell made a motion to release the *Reports Released Without a Hearing*. Senator Pelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the reports.

12:04 p.m.

**Passing of the Gavel**

Senator Rodriquez, as outgoing Chair, passed the ceremonial gavel to Representative Frizell, incoming Chair.

**Hearing adjourned at 12:05 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Jayne Watson

Executive Assistant, Office of the State Auditor