

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
September 18, 2024
9:00 A.M., SHR 109

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Members Present:

Senator Sonny Borrelli, Chairman 2023
Senator David C. Farnsworth
Senator Anthony Kern
Senator Juan Mendez
Senator Catherine Miranda

Representative Matt Gress, Chairman 2024
Representative Timothy M. Dunn
Representative Nancy Gutierrez
Representative Beverly Pingerelli
Representative Judy Schwiebert

Members Excused:

Senator Warren Petersen, Ex-officio

Representative Ben Toma, Ex-officio

Staff:

Anna Nguyen, Senate Research Staff
Joel Hobbins, House Research Staff

Chairman Gress called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and attendance was noted.

CONSIDERATION AND VOTE ON THE 2025 SPECIAL AUDIT OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY AND ASSIGNMENT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL (OFFICE)

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, distributed a booklet entitled "Joint Legislative Audit Committee" (Attachment A), explained the request for a special audit, referenced (Attachment A, Tab 1) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Katie Ptak General Counsel, Department of Child Safety, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Borrelli moved that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) authorize the Auditor General's Office to conduct a special audit of the Arizona Department of Child Safety's processes for investigating reports of child abuse and neglect to be completed as two audit reports due on or before September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2026. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO 2024-2025 PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND SUNSET REVIEW SCHEDULE

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, explained the request of changes to the 2024-2025 performance audit and sunset review schedule and referenced (Attachment A, Tab 2, Attachment A).

Senator Borrelli moved that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) assign the Arizona Racing Commission to the 2024-2025 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Schedule and moved that the sunset review of the Arizona Racing Commission be conducted by the Auditor General's Office. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO 2024-2025 COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE (COR) ASSIGNMENTS FOR SUNSET REVIEW HEARINGS

Lindsey Perry, Auditor General, reviewed the audit assignments for 2024-2025, the approval of the additions of COR assignments and referenced (Attachment A, Tab 3, Attachment A).

Senator Borrelli moved that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) approve the addition of the Arizona Racing Commission to the 2025 Committee of Reference or successor committee assignments. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRESENTATION ON TITLE I REALLOCATIONS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MONIES

Chairman Gress explained the purpose of the presentation.

Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction, explained the funding and allocation process of federal and state funds and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Chris Brown, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Department of Education, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Horne and Mr. Brown answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Mr. Horne and Mr. Brown answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Camilla Strongin, Government Relations & Public Policy, Department of Education, discussed previous meetings and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Horne and Mr. Brown answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Ms. Strongin answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Horne answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Gutierrez moved that the Committee add to the agenda a consideration and vote of a 2025 special audit of the Department of Education's Title I reallocations and school improvement monies and assignment to the Arizona Auditor General's Office and requested a roll call vote.

Request for a roll call vote supported by Representative Schwiebert.

Representative Gress called for the vote on the Gutierrez motion. The motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 4-6-0 (Attachment 1).

Representatives Gutierrez, Schwiebert, Gress and Senators Kern and Borrelli explained their votes.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY SPECIAL AUDIT-YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM, JULY 2024 REPORT

Presentation by Office

Marc Owen, Performance Audit Manager, Auditor General's Office, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Child Safety-Young Adult Program" (Attachment B), referenced (Attachment A, Tab 5) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Presentation by Arizona Department of Child Safety

Chris Gustafson, Chief Legislative Liaison, Department of Child Safety, distributed and explained a handout entitled "Department of Child, Extended Foster Care Success Coaching Program Update" (Attachment C) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Barbara Guillen, Permanency & Youth Services Manager, Department of Child Safety, explained the coaching program, provided program statistics and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

EXAMINING THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE ARIZONA ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM, SEPTEMBER 2023 REPORT AND INITIAL FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Presentation by Office

Jeff Gove, Director, Performance Audit Division, Auditor General's Office, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Examining the Delivery of Services to Vulnerable Adults in the Arizona Adult Protective Services System" (Attachment D), referenced (Attachment A, Tab 6, Attachment A and B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Presentation by Arizona Department of Economic Security

Molly McCarthy, Deputy Director of Programs, Department of Economic Security, addressed the Auditor General's audit and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Mr. Gove answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. McCarthy answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Chairman Gress announced that the next JLAC meeting would be held in December.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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