

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

March 11, 2013

8:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Anna Fairclough, Chair
Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Click Bishop
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Mike Dunleavy (alternate)

Representative Mike Hawker, Vice Chair
Representative Alan Austerman
Representative Bob Herron
Representative Kurt Olson
Representative Andy Josephson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Donald Olson

Representative Scott Kawasaki (alternate)
Representative Bill Stoltze (alternate)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator John Coghill

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION
RELEASE OF AUDITS
OTHER BUSINESS

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

KRISTIN CURTIS
Legislative Auditor
Legislative Audit Division
Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided information on the purchase request for office equipment.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[8:02:23 AM](#)

CHAIR ANNA FAIRCLOUGH called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Representatives Herron, Josephson, and Hawker and Senators Fairclough, Giessel, Meyer, and Dunleavy (alternate) were present at the call to order. Also in attendance was Senator Coghill. Representatives Austerman and Olson and Senator Bishop arrived as the meeting was in progress.

Approval of Minutes

[8:03:20 AM](#)

CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH announced that the first order of business would be approval of the minutes.

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2013. There being no objection, the minutes from the meeting of February 22, 2013 were approved.

Executive Session

[8:03:51 AM](#)

CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH announced that the next order of business would be to move into Executive Session.

[8:03:58 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential audit reports under AS 24.20.301. There being no objection, the committee went into executive session at 8:04 a.m.

[8:04:23 AM](#)

The committee took an at-ease from 8:04 a.m. to 8:39 a.m.

[8:39:38 AM](#)

CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH brought the committee back to order at 8:39 a.m. Representatives Herron, Josephson, Austerman, Olson, and Hawker and Senators Fairclough, Giessel, Meyer, Bishop, and Dunleavy (alternate) were present at the call to order.

Release of Audits

[8:39:54 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion for the preliminary audit for the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority, Knik Arm Crossing project to be released to the appropriate agency for response. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Other Business

[8:40:20 AM](#)

CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH announced that the final order of business would be a request by the Legislative Audit Division for the purchase of office furniture for an office remodel.

[8:40:29 AM](#)

KRISTIN CURTIS, Legislative Auditor, Legislative Audit Division, Alaska State Legislature, explained the request by the Legislative Audit Division to purchase office furnishings and equipment when they move into the remodeled offices. She noted that the Legislative Council had approved the remodel of the office space in December, 2012. Pointing out that there was a 16 week lead time between orders and delivery, she asked for approval to purchase the new office furnishings. She reported that there was a statewide contract with the furniture vendors, which would allow for a discount on the purchase. She stated that the cost would not exceed \$425,000, and would include cubicles, work stations, equipment, and furnishings. She observed that the current information technology (IT) equipment was sufficient, with the possible exception of IT equipment necessary for a new conference room. She affirmed that funding was available in the Division's FY13 budget. She requested approval for the purchase, in accordance with procurement rules, as the purchase was greater than \$25,000.

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REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER asked to clarify which appropriation in the FY13 budget had the funding available.

MS. CURTIS replied that it was the allocation to the Legislative Audit Division.

[8:42:17 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER moved to approve the request by the Legislative Audit Division to award contracts for office furnishings and equipment associated with the office remodel in an amount not to exceed \$425,000. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.