

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

June 17, 2008

5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Ralph Samuels, Chair
Senator Lyman Hoffman, Vice Chair
Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Mike Kelly
Representative Mike Doogan
Senator Johnny Ellis
Senator Lyda Green

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Bert Stedman
Senator Gene Therriault
Representative Reggie Joule (alternate)
Representative Kevin Meyer (alternate)
Senator Charlie Huggins (alternate)

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
LONGEVITY POLICY CHANGE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

PAT DAVIDSON, Legislative Auditor
Division of Legislative Audit
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided information on the longevity policy change.

ACTION NARRATIVE

CHAIR RALPH SAMUELS called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 5:30:27 PM. Representatives

Doogan, Chenault, Hawker, Kelly and Samuels and Senators Hoffman, Ellis, and Green were present at the call to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[5:31:13 PM](#)

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

[5:31:23 PM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 2008 meeting of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. There being no objection, the minutes from the meeting of June 3, 2008, were approved.

LONGEVITY POLICY CHANGE

[5:31:36 PM](#)

CHAIR SAMUELS announced that the final order of business would be to take up the Longevity Policy Change.

PAT DAVIDSON, Legislative Auditor, Division of Legislative Audit, Alaska State Legislature, stated that with the passage of HB 417, public employees' salary and pay increments for longevity in state service were changed. She explained that committee members had before them two motions. The first motion is in reference to pay increments for committee staff, which she noted are referred to as "partisan staff." However, she highlighted that this policy change would refer to legislative staff such as the staff to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, Ms. Sutton. The second motion refers to longevity policy related to employees of the two divisions, Legislative Audit and Legislative Finance.

CHAIR SAMUELS noted that the second motion would be taken up first.

[5:32:20 PM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee adopt the pay increment policy for Legislative Audit and Legislative Finance employees in accordance with AS 39.27.011(j) thereby making AS 39.27.011(h) and (i) apply to the Division of Legislative Audit and

Legislative Finance employees. There being no objection, the motion was adopted.

[5:32:56 PM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER made a motion that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee adopt the Senate and House longevity policy for committee employees effective July 3, 2008. There being no objection, the motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.