

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

February 27, 2012

8:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Mike Hawker, Chair  
Representative Mark Neuman (via teleconference)  
Representative Kurt Olson  
Representative Bill Thomas  
Representative Mike Doogan

Senator Bert Stedman, Vice Chair  
Senator Hollis French  
Senator Linda Menard  
Senator Thomas Wagoner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Kevin Meyer (alternate)

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

AUDIT REQUESTS  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

No previous action to record

**WITNESS REGISTER**

KRISTIN CURTIS, Acting Legislative Auditor  
Legislative Audit Division  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided information on a request for a contract for outside audit services and on the independent audit of the Alaska State Legislature.

## **ACTION NARRATIVE**

[8:03:54 AM](#)

**CHAIR MIKE HAWKER** called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Representatives Hawker, Olson, Thomas, Doogan, and Neuman (via teleconference) and Senators French, Wagoner, and Stedman were present at the call to order. Senator Menard arrived as the meeting was in progress.

### **Audit Requests**

[8:04:41 AM](#)

CHAIR HAWKER announced that the first order of business would be an audit request by Representative Neuman.

[8:05:12 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN requested an audit of the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) program. He declared that "there's a substantial amount of money going into this."

[8:05:48 AM](#)

CHAIR HAWKER asked if there were any questions.

[8:06:07 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS made a motion to approve Representative Neuman's request for an audit of the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) program under the Department of Administration. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **Approval of minutes**

[8:06:47 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2012. There being no objection, the minutes from the meeting of January 23, 2012 were approved.

### **Executive Session**

[8:07:14 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS made a motion to go in to executive session under Uniform Rule 22 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and for the purpose of discussing confidential audit reports under AS 24.20.301. There being no objection, the committee went into executive session at 8:07 a.m. [Due to technical difficulties, there was a brief interruption to the recording. The minutes were reconstructed from the committee secretary's log notes.]

[8:36:27 AM](#)

CHAIR HAWKER brought the committee back to order at 8:36 a.m. Representatives Hawker, Olson, Doogan, and Thomas and Senators Stedman, Menard, and Wagoner were present at the call to order.

#### **Other Committee Business**

[8:36:40 AM](#)

CHAIR HAWKER announced that the next order of business would be for the nomination of a legislative auditor. He reported that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee had undertaken a recruitment process compliant with state regulations, and had identified a candidate for nomination and final confirmation, Kristin Curtis.

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REPRESENTATIVE OLSON made a motion to forward the nomination of Kristin K. Curtis for the position of Legislative Auditor to the legislature. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

[8:38:08 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER praised Kris Curtis, stating that she had substantial credentials and that it was "a very comfortable choice for me to be moving your nomination forward."

[8:38:31 AM](#)

CHAIR HAWKER announced that the next order of business would be a release of the Statewide Single Audit to the agencies for response.

[8:38:41 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS made a motion for the preliminary audit for the FY11 Statewide Single Audit to be released to the appropriate agencies for response. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

[8:39:10 AM](#)

CHAIR HAWKER announced that the next order of business would be an authorization for a contract for outside audit services.

[8:39:15 AM](#)

KRISTIN CURTIS, Acting Legislative Auditor, Legislative Audit Division, Alaska State Legislature, requested approval of an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to contract for outside audit services. She clarified that this would be for 450 hours of work toward the FY12 Statewide Audit.

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CHAIR HAWKER noted that this was an annual request for outside audit assistance. He asked if there were any questions.

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REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS made a motion to authorized Kris Curtis, Acting Legislative Auditor, to enter into a contract for audit services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

[8:40:27 AM](#)

CHAIR HAWKER asked if there was any other committee business.

[8:41:04 AM](#)

MS. CURTIS presented the annual independent audit of the Alaska State Legislature, and stated that nothing of concern was mentioned "in the letter to those charged with governance."

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CHAIR HAWKER asked if there were any questions.

[8:41:37 AM](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.