

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

January 22, 2020

1:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Chris Tuck, Chair
Representative Neal Foster
Representative Andy Josephson
Representative Ivy Spohnholz
Representative Mark Neuman
Representative Jennifer Johnston (alternate)

Senator Click Bishop, Vice Chair
Senator Bert Stedman
Senator Natasha von Imhof
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Lyman Hoffman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Bill Wielechowski (alternate)

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Dan Ortiz
Representative Steve Thompson

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT CONTRACT
EXECUTIVE SESSION
OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

KRIS CURTIS, Legislative Auditor
Legislative Audit Division
Legislative Agencies and Offices
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided information on the audit contract request.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR CHRIS TUCK called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 1:[03] p.m. Representatives Tuck, Neuman, Spohnholz, Foster, and Johnston (alternate) and Senators Bishop, Hoffman, Giessel, Stedman, and von Imhof were present at the call to order. Representative Josephson arrived as the meeting was in progress. Also in attendance were Representatives Edgmon, Thompson, and Ortiz.

Legislative Audit Contract

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CHAIR TUCK announced that the first order of business would be discussion of the legislative audit contract for the IT (information technology) review of the state accounting system.

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SENATOR BISHOP made a motion that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee authorize the Legislative Auditor to amend the March 2018 contract with Berry, Dunn, McNeil, & Parker, LLC for information technology expertise to extend the contract for the review of the FY 20 general and application controls of the State's accounting and reporting systems for an increase in the original contract amount not to exceed \$173,000.

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KRIS CURTIS, Legislative Auditor, Legislative Audit Division, Legislative Agencies and Offices, requested approval to extend the contract with Berry, Dunn, McNeil, & Parker, LLC. The current contract had been approved by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee in March 2018 for the review of application and general controls over the state's accounting system for FY 18 and FY 19. She asked for approval to extend the contract to cover the review of those system controls for FY 20. She explained that the IT (information technology) reviews were needed to meet auditing standards which required auditors to test significant information system controls in support of the

financial audit opinion and the state single audit. She noted that approval of the contract would not exceed \$173,000, the same rate approved for the services in FY 18 and FY 19.

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CHAIR TUCK objected for discussion and then removed his objection. There being no further objection, the committee approved the amendment to the March 2018 contract with Berry, Dunn, McNeil, & Parker, LLC for information technology expertise for an increase in the original contract amount not to exceed \$173,000.

Executive Session

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CHAIR TUCK announced that the next order of business would be executive session.

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SENATOR BISHOP made a motion that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee go into executive session under Uniform Rule 22(b)(3), discussion of matters that may, by law, be required to be confidential. There being no objection, the committee went into executive session at 1:08 p.m.

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The committee took an at-ease from 1:08 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

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CHAIR TUCK brought the committee back to order. Representatives Tuck, Neuman, Josephson, Spohnholz, and Foster and Senators Bishop, von Imhof, Stedman, and Giessel were present at the call to order.

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SENATOR BISHOP made a motion for the chair of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee to make an offer to the number one candidate selected by the committee.

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A roll call vote was taken. Representatives Tuck, Neuman, Josephson, Spohnholz, and Foster and Senators Bishop, von Imhof, Stedman, and Giessel voted in favor of the motion to make the offer to the number one candidate selected by the committee. Therefore, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas - 0 nays.

Other Committee Business

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CHAIR TUCK announced that the final order of business would be a reminder that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, via the consultants IN3ENERGY, would be offering Petroleum Fiscal Policy training sessions for all legislators and staff starting Friday, January 24, and Saturday, January 25. He pointed to the committee website for more information and sign-up. He added that several time slots had been scheduled for private discussions with legislators and staff with a priority for leadership, and the Chairs of House Finance Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Resources Standing Committee, and Senate Resources Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.