

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

August 10, 2022

10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Natasha von Imhof, Chair
Representative Chris Tuck, Vice Chair
Senator Peter Micciche
Senator Lora Reinbold
Senator Bert Stedman
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Representative Andy Josephson
Representative James Kaufman
Senator Click Bishop (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Ivy Spohnholz
Representative Neal Foster
Representative Dan Ortiz (alternate)

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

PROCUREMENT

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

CHRISTOPHER SLOTTEE, Attorney at Law
Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
Anchorage, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified during the hearing on
procurement.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR NATASHA VON IMHOF called the Legislative Budget and Audit
Committee meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Representatives

Josephson, Kaufman, and Tuck and Senators Reinbold (via teleconference), Micciche (via teleconference), Stedman (via teleconference), Hoffman, Bishop (alternate, via teleconference), and von Imhof were present at the call to order.

Procurement

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CHAIR VON IMHOF announced that the only order of business would be Procurement. She stated that the purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the costs incurred to date associated with the ongoing investigation pertaining to the abrupt termination of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Chief Executive Officer, Angela Rodell. She stated that the initial amount of \$100,000 had been an estimate and the contracted firm has conducted interviews with over a dozen people and has incurred costs associated with travel, preparation, and transcription. She stated that, as of August 4, 2022, the total costs to date amount to \$106,000 and the work is nearing completion. She referenced a memorandum [included in the committee packet, entitled "8-9-22 Schwabe Memorandum to LBA re Budget.pdf,"] that reflects expenses in the amount of \$5,398. She added that the projected total will include an additional \$40,000 - \$50,000 for work to be completed and a report has been requested to be submitted to the committee by mid-October [2022].

REPRESENTATIVE KAUFMAN asked for assurance that no additional funds would be required for work to be completed within the scope of the mission.

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CHRISTOPHER SLOTTEE, Attorney at Law, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, answered that the additional amount had been based on estimated number of hours to conduct witness interviews and depositions and the drafting and presentation of the report to the committee. He noted that 15 percent had been added to the total estimate for contingency. He predicted that the work would be completed at or below the revised contract amount.

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REPRESENTATIVE TUCK moved that the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee approve an amendment to the existing contract with outside counsel Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, for an additional

amount of \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 for legal services to investigate the circumstances and events surrounding the termination of former Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Executive Director, Angela Rodell and to prepare a report.

CHAIR VON IMHOF sought any objection. There being none, the motion passed. She reminded listeners that a document is available in the committee packet for review.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.