

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

March 6, 2024

5:06 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Ben Carpenter, Chair  
Senator Bert Stedman, Vice Chair  
Representative DeLena Johnson  
Representative Sarah Vance  
Representative Frank Tomaszewski  
Representative Andy Josephson  
Senator Bill Wielechowski  
Senator James Kaufman  
Senator Scott Kawasaki  
Representative Mike Cronk (alternate)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Click Bishop (alternate)

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

No previous action to record

**WITNESS REGISTER**

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

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Presented a procurement approval request.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR BEN CARPENTER** called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Representatives D. Johnson, Vance, Josephson, Cronk and Carpenter and Senators

Wielechowski, Kaufman, Kawasaki, and Stedman were present at the call to order. Senator Tomaszewski arrived as the meeting was in progress.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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SENATOR STEDMAN moved that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee approve the minutes for the December 13, 2023, and January 15, 2024, meetings, as presented. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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SENATOR STEDMAN moved that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee go into executive session under Uniform Rule 22(b)(3) for the discussion of matters that may, by law, be required to be confidential. He asked that the following persons remain in the room or online: The legislative auditor and, if necessary, staff for the auditor; Helen Phillips, and the House Finance Committee staff; any legislators not on the committee; and staff of legislators on the committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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The committee took an at-ease from 5:09 p.m. to 5:23 p.m. for the purpose of executive session.

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REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting back to order at 5:06 p.m. Representatives D.

Johnson, Vance, Tomaszewski, Josephson, Cronk and Carpenter and Senators Wielechowski, Kaufman, Kawasaki, and Stedman were present at the call to order.

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CHAIR CARPENTER stated that during executive session, the committee discussed a procurement approval request related to the FY 24 process. He invited Ms. Curtis to present the details.

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KRIS CURTIS, Legislative Auditor, Division of Legislative Audit, Legislative Agencies and Offices, explained that she was asking for the committee's consideration and approval of a contract with an auditing firm for FY 24 federal compliance audit services. The firm would be asked to audit five major federal programs for FY 24. She noted that last year, the committee approved a similar contract for FY 23, adding that this was a request to amend and extend that contract for an additional year for similar services. The committee would be asked to approve a total of \$602,000, which reflected an incremental amount of \$365,000 to account for FY 24 services.

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SENATOR STEDMAN moved that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee approve the amendment to the Division of Legislative Audit's federal compliance audit contract with Clifton Larson Allen for an amended contract amount not to exceed \$602,000. 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 was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.