

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

April 4, 2024

5:09 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Ben Carpenter, Chair  
Senator Bert Stedman, Vice Chair  
Representative Sarah Vance  
Representative Frank Tomaszewski  
Representative Andy Josephson  
Senator James Kaufman  
Senator Scott Kawasaki

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative DeLena Johnson  
Senator Bill Wielechowski  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Representative Mike Cronk (alternate)  
Senator Click Bishop (alternate)

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

No previous action to record

**WITNESS REGISTER**

No witnesses to record

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR BEN CARPENTER** called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Representatives Vance, Tomaszewski, Josephson, and Carpenter and Senators Kaufman, Kawasaki, and Stedman were present at the call to order.

**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 March 6, 2024, meeting, 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: Kris Curtis, legislative auditor, and necessary staff; Emily Nauman, legal services director, and necessary staff; JC Kestel, procurement officer, and Ernest Daigle, contracting officer; 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 5:11 p.m. to 6:52 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 6:52 p.m. Representatives Vance, Tomaszewski, Josephson, and Carpenter and Senators Kaufman, Kawasaki, and Stedman were present at the call back to order.

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REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER stated that during executive session, the committee discussed the consideration of a contract award. In addition, the legislative auditor presented on the pre-release of the single audit.

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SENATOR STEDMAN moved that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee approve the contract award to Gaffney, Cline & Associates for a contract amount not to exceed \$200,000. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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SENATOR STEDMAN moved that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee release the following preliminary audits to the agencies for formal comment: FY 23 single audit. 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 meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.