

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
October 24, 2019**

Members in attendance:

Representative Jason Fischer, Chair
Senator Jeff Brandes, Vice Chair
Senator Dennis Baxley
Representative Michael Caruso
Representative Chip LaMarca
Senator Tom Lee
Senator Bill Montford
Representative Sharon Pritchett
Representative Bob Rommel
Representative Patricia Williams

Senator Kevin Rader and Representative Toledo were excused

Consideration of a request for an Auditor General follow-up operational audit of the Sarasota County District School Board submitted by Senator Gruters

Senator Gruters spoke to the Committee regarding the request for the audit.

Senator Baxley moved to direct the Auditor General to perform a follow-up operational audit relating to the Sarasota County District School Board as identified by Senator Gruters. The Auditor General, pursuant to the authority provided in Section 11.45(3), F.S., shall finalize the scope of the audit during the course of the audit, providing that the audit-related concerns of Senator Gruters are considered.

Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and discussion related to the Transparency Florida Act, s. 215.985, F.S.

Mike Jones, Policy Coordinator with the Governor's office, gave an overview of the Transparency Florida website.

Kathy DuBose, Coordinator, presented the draft report on Transparency Florida.

Senator Baxley recommended that he would like to see some activity level report back from Transparency Florida, what we are spending to provide a service and maybe even a per cost per hit.

Chair Fischer asked members to submit any recommendations or suggestions they may have by November 8, 2019.

Discussion of the City of Opa-locka (continuation from October 17, 2019 meeting)

Members of the Committee discussed issues concerning the City of Opa-locka

Senator Baxley moved that the Committee recommend to the appropriate House and Senate Committees that they look at crafting criteria that would trigger an election in a municipality, that the citizens would vote on whether or not to dissolve based on criteria and it wouldn't apply to just one city, that is would apply to all the cities.

Motion passed unanimously.

Representative Caruso moved to adjourn.