

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
February 10, 2014**

Members in Attendance

**Representative Lake Ray, Chair
Senator Joseph Abruzzo, Vice Chair
Senator Rob Bradley
Representative Gayle B. Harrell
Senator Alan Hays
Representative Daniel D. Raulerson
Senator Jeremy Ring
Representative Ray Rodrigues
Senator Wilton Simpson
Representative Cynthia A. Stafford**

Representative Daphne D. Campbell was excused

The agenda items were taken up in the following order:

Presentation of the Auditor General's Operational Audit of the City of Hampton

Marilyn Rosetti, Audit Manager, Office of the Auditor General, presented the audit findings.

Also speaking, in response to the audit, were:

**Representative Charles Van Zant
Gordon Smith, Sheriff, Bradford County
Myrtice McCullough, Acting Mayor for the City of Hampton**

Senator Bradley moved that the Committee ask the Department of Revenue and the Department of Financial Services to withhold funds from the City until such time as resolution of the audit findings is made.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Bradley moved that the Committee send a letter, with the audit report attached, to Bill Cervone, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, stating that the Committee has received the audit report and has great concerns relating to the findings.

The motion was adopted.

Workshop on District School Board oversight

Ted Sauerbeck, Deputy Auditor General, gave a presentation regarding financial oversight of district school boards.

Also participating in the workshop were:

Joy Frank, General Counsel, Florida Association for District School Superintendents

Dr. Wayne Blanton, Executive Director, Florida School Board Association

Rick Mills, Superintendent, Manatee County Schools

Julie Aranibar, Chair, Manatee County District School Board

Presentation, discussion, and adoption of items related to the implementation of Lobbying Firm Compensation Report Audits:

Criteria for selection of auditors, and

Method for the random selection of lobbying firms (follow-up to previous presentation)

Chair Ray explained and discussed implementation of the Lobbying Firm Compensation Report Audits.

Rep. Rodrigues moved the recommended procedures.

The motion was adopted.

Discussion related to the Committee's report on Transparency Florida

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

The Committee is expected to consider taking action, pursuant to s. 11.40(2), F.S., against local governments that have failed to file an annual financial report and/or annual financial audit (if required) due June 30, 2013, or earlier

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

Rep. Rodrigues moved to adjourn.