

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
January 19, 2023**

Members in attendance:

Senator Jason Pizzo, Alternating Chair
Representative Mike Caruso, Alternating Chair
Representative Daniel Alvarez, Sr.
Representative Christopher Benjamin
Senator Jason Brodeur
Senator Tracie Davis
Senator Nick DiCeglie
Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman
Representative Dianne Hart
Representative Vicki Lopez

Senator Corey Simon was excused

Workshop with the Auditor General

Sherrill Norman, Auditor General; Bruce Jeroslow, General Counsel; Kathryn Walker, Deputy Auditor General; Matthew Tracy, Deputy Auditor General; and Greg Centers, Deputy Auditor General, were present to discuss the needs to help address barriers that the Auditor General's Office has in timely completing its work.

Bruce Jeroslow discussed the possibility of some statutory changes to strengthen the auditing process, and Kathryn Walker discussed some initiatives to encourage students to pursue the accounting and auditing profession.

The Committee is expected to consider taking action against educational and local governmental entities that have failed to take full corrective action in response to repeat audit findings, pursuant to ss. 11.45(7)(j) and 218.39(8), F.S.

Chair Pizzo called on Debbie White, CPA, Chief Legislative Analyst with the Committee, to explain the lists of educational entities and local governmental entities with audit findings that have been reported in at least three successive audit reports.

Chair Pizzo entertained a motion to accept the staff's recommendations and also direct staff to send a letter to any entity for which the Auditor General reports uncorrected audit findings to the Committee for late-filed 2020-21 audit reports unless a response has been previously provided and it appears that the entity has taken corrective action, to the extent possible, using existing resources.

Representative Benjamin moved the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Lobbying firm compensation report audits:
Results of audits of lobbying firm compensation reports

Chair Pizzo called on Kathy DuBose, Committee Coordinator, to provide the results of the audits of the lobbying firm quarterly compensation reports performed in 2022.

With no further business before the Committee, Representative Alvarez moved to adjourn.