

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
February 18, 2021**

Members in attendance:

Senator Dennis Baxley, Chair
Representative Ardian Zika, Vice Chair
Senator Jennifer Bradley
Senator Janet Cruz
Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson
Representative Andrew Learned
Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka
Senator Victor M Torres, Jr.
Representative Keith L. Truenow
Representative Kaylee Tuck

Senator Jim Boyd was excused

Presentation of the Auditor General's operational audit of the City of Gulf Breeze and response from the City

Mike Gomez, Audit Manager with the Auditor General's Office, presented the Auditor General's operational audit of the City of Gulf Breeze.

The following individuals from the City of Gulf Breeze were present:

Mayor, Cherry Fitch
City Manager, Samantha Abell
City Attorney, Mary Jane Bass
Capital Trust Agency (CTA) Executive Director: Denis McKinnon
Capital Trust Agency Bond Counsel: Kareem Spratling

Mayor, Cherry Fitch, and City Manager, Samantha Abell, spoke before the Committee to answer the Committee's questions.

Senator Baxley noted that the Auditor General will return to Gulf Breeze next year and perform a follow-up audit to determine the City's progress in correcting their audit findings.

Consideration of a request for an Auditor General operational audit of the Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller's Office submitted by Senator Cruz

Senator Cruz spoke to the Committee regarding her audit request for the Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller's Office.

Representative Zika moved to direct the Auditor General to perform an operational audit of the Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller's Office as early as possible.

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 Cruz as included in her request letter are considered.

Motion passed unanimously.

Senator Cruz moved to adjourn.