

COMMITTEE ACTION
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Members in attendance:

Representative Marti Coley, Alternating Chair
Representative Joseph Abruzzo
Senator Larcenia Bullard
Representative Charles McBurney
Representative Scott Randolph
Senator Jeremy Ring
Representative Ron Schultz
Senator Stephen Wise

Senators Diaz de la Portilla and Gardiner were excused due to travel delays.

Agenda Item 1 Organization of the Committee

1A Election of Chair

Senator Stephen Wise moved that Senator Diaz de la Portilla be elected as Chair.

The motion passed without objection.

1B Election of Alternating Chair

Representative Abruzzo moved that Representative Coley be elected as Alternating Chair.

The motion passed without objection.

1C Adoption of Rules

Representative McBurney moved that the Committee follow the applicable rules of the Senate while the Chair of the Committee resides in the Senate.

The motion passed without objection.

Agenda Item 2 Introduction of the Staff

Kathy DuBose, Senior Analyst, introduced members of the staff.

Committee members introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 3 Discussion of Committee Responsibilities.

Kathy DuBose, Senior Analyst, briefed the members on the responsibilities of the Committee.

Agenda Item 4 Presentation by David W. Martin, CPA, Auditor General.

Mr. Martin gave a presentation concerning responsibilities of the Office of the Auditor General.

Senator Wise asked questions concerning university lab schools and the Auditor General's statutory recommendation relating to the evaluation of the relevance of restriction on school districts to make electronic disbursements for payment to vendors and whether that recommendation had been discussed with applicable committee staff. Chair Coley requested the Auditor General identify recommendations being looked at by committees and which are not being looked at.

Agenda Item 5 Presentation by Gary R. VanLandingham, Ph.D., OPPAGA Director

Dr. VanLandingham gave a presentation concerning the responsibilities of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.

Senators Bullard and Ring expressed concern over air transportation between south Florida and Tallahassee. Senator Ring wondered about the cost to taxpayers when legislators missed meetings, etc., due to flight delays.

Chair Coley mentioned that this was a local concern in Tallahassee with state, county and city officials.

Agenda Item 6 Auditor General's Audit of the Department of the Lottery

Kathryn Walker of the Auditor General's Office made a presentation regarding Auditor General Report 2009-101 of the Department of the Lottery.

Chair Coley and Representative Randolph had questions concerning money transferred to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and the breakdown of percentages.

Lottery Secretary Leo DiBenigno and Marcy Jackson, Lottery CFO, spoke to the Committee in response to the audit and answered questions.

Senator Bullard asked for further clarification from the Secretary concerning Powerball.

Representative Abruzzo requested a breakdown of the required 15% minority retailers by type of minority.

Senator Ring moved to direct the Auditor General and OPPAGA to conduct the audit of the Department of the Lottery for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The Auditor General would be responsible for the financial statements, internal control and compliance issues, while OPPAGA would develop recommendations to enhance the earning capability of the lottery and to improve the efficiency of the department's operations.

The motion passed without objection.

Agenda Item 7 Other Committee business.