MINUTES
Legislative Post Audit Committee
July 6, 2023

Call to Order

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sean Tarwater at 12:36 p.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Chairman Tarwater welcomed Senator Mike Petersen to the committee. Committee members present:

Rep. Sean Tarwater, Chairman	Sen. Ethan Corson
Rep. Shannon Francis	Sen. Mike Petersen
Rep. Jason Probst*	Sen. Mike Thompson
Rep. Tom Sawyer	Sen. Caryn Tyson
Rep. Kristey Williams	Sen. Mary Ware

*Participated via Webex

Committee Organization

Electing Committee Vice-Chair – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, reviewed the process for electing a new vice-chair. Chairman Tarwater opened the floor for nominations. Representative Williams nominated Senator Tyson for Vice-Chair. Senator Thompson seconded the motion. Chairman Tarwater opened the floor to other nominations. There were none. Chairman Tarwater called for a vote on the motion to nominate Senator Tyson and the motion carried.

Performance and IT Audits and Evaluations

Election Security, Part 2 – Andy Brienzo, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Bryan Caskey, Director of Elections at the Secretary of State, answered questions from the committee.

At-Risk Expenditures – Heidi Zimmerman, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal and Administrative Services at the State Department of Education, answered questions from the committee.

IT Security – Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor, presented the findings from

the audit and answered questions from the committee. David Fye, Executive Director at the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, and Kristen Wheeler, Chair of the Board of Tax Appeals, provided remarks.

These audits will be distributed to all legislators.

Consent Calendar

Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed the consent calendar. The consent calendar included approval of the April 25 meeting minutes, acceptance of the completed performance and IT audits presented at today's meeting, and consideration of a limited-scope audit proposal of the Department of Commerce's transparency database. There were no objections, so the items were approved. Senator Petersen abstained from voting on the minutes.

Additional Business

Date of next meeting – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, outlined the audit schedule, including audits LPA will be releasing at upcoming meetings and the audits LPA will begin soon. She said she will work with the chair to schedule the next couple of meetings for late August and early October.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Nicole Blanchett, Secretary   date
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