JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
October 13, 2025

Members in attendance:

Representative Chase Tramont, Chair
Senator Jason Brodeur, Vice Chair
Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman
Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson
Senator Stan McClain
Representative Rachel Saunders Plakon
Senator Keith L. Truenow
Senator Tom A. Wright

Senators Tracie Davis, Jason W. B. Pizzo, and Corey Simon were excused
Representatives Kimberly Daniels, Sam Greco, and Taylor Michael Yarkosky were excused

Transparency Florida: Presentations by the Governor's Office and the Department of Financial Services related to financial transparency and discussion of the Committee's report required by the Transparency Florida Act, s. 215.985, F.S.

Theresa Gagnon, Policy Coordinator for Systems Design and Development with the Governor's Office, gave an overview of the Transparency Florida website.

Renee Hermeling, Director of the Division of Accounting and Auditing at the Department of Financial Services, presented the CFO's Transparency website and an update on the implementation of the XBRL project and answered members' questions.

Kathy Dubose, Coordinator, presented the draft report on Transparency Florida.

Discussion will be continued at the next Committee meeting on November 3, 2025.

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 Tramont 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 and answer members' questions.

Chair Tramont 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 2023-24 audit reports.

Senator Brodeur moved the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Note: For the list of entities and staff recommendations, see the Committee Meeting Packet for October 13, 2025, pages 51-198.

Consideration of the Department of the Lottery's audit for the 2025-26 fiscal year

Chair Tramont discussed directing the audit of the Department of the Lottery.

Senator McClain moved that the Committee direct the Auditor General and OPPAGA to conduct the audit of the Department of the Lottery for the 2025-26 fiscal year. The Auditor General will be responsible for the financial statements, internal control, and compliance issues. The Auditor General may also use her discretion to include operational topics. OPPAGA will be responsible for developing recommendations to enhance the earning capability of the lottery and to improve the efficiency of the department's operations.

Motion was adopted unanimously.

With no further business before the Committee, Senator Wright moved to adjourn.