

LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 7, 2025

The Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee met on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM at 1 Granite Place, Room 234.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Rep. Gerald Griffin, Chairman
Rep. Lucy Weber
Rep. Keith Erf
Rep. Ken Weyler
Rep. Mary Jane Wallner

The meeting was called to order by Representative Griffin at 10:00 AM.

VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Representative Weber, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the minutes of the October 3, 2025, meeting be accepted. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

POTENTIAL AUDIT TOPICS – REVIEW STATUS OF PRIOR PERFORMANCE AUDITS

Department of Corrections, Sexual Offender Treatment Program – 6 Observations

Jane Graham, Strategic Communications and Legislative Affairs Administrator for the Department of Corrections (DOC), and Abigail Simon, Behavioral Health Administrator, were in attendance to discuss the November 2016 Department of Corrections (DOC), Sexual Offender Treatment Program audit.

Jane Graham stated DOC resolved all but one observation identified in the audit. She explained DOC has had difficulty implementing its new data management system. She also noted that DOC hopes to resolve the observation within the next six months.

Representative Weyler asked whether the treatment system follows up on offenders after they are released on parole and what metrics are being used to measure progress. Abigail Simon responded that offenders who are released on parole receive “aftercare” which involves following up with their parole officer and receiving a list of things they can or cannot do in their community. This can include additional recommendations if, for instance, the individual in question has substance abuse issues.

Representative Weyler asked how often DOC follows up with these individuals. Abigail Simon responded that DOC relies on the offenders' parole officers. Representative Weyler asked whether the sexual offenders undergoing treatment exhibited changed behaviors and whether the program was long enough. Abigail Simon and Representative Weyler then discussed the length of the treatment program and the need for offenders to show progress before moving on to the next phase of treatment.

Concerning the one observation that has yet to be resolved, Jane Graham stated she would follow up with Jay Henry, Performance Audit Supervisor, on any progress DOC makes towards resolving it.

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Real Estate Commission – 13 Observations

Deanna Jurius, Executive Director at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC), and Heather Kelly, OPLC Director of Operations, were in attendance to discuss the September 2017 OPLC Real Estate Commission audit. Deanna Jurius stated 12 of the 13 observations in the report were fully or substantially resolved. The remaining unresolved observation concerned improving the process for reviewing applicants' disclosure of adverse financial history. This observation was only partially resolved due to the length of the rulemaking process. Deanna Jurius stated OPLC's goal was to have every observation fully resolved by March 2027. However, she believed OPLC would have each observation substantially resolved within six months.

Pharmacy Board, Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program – 26 Observations

Deanna Jurius and Heather Kelly also discussed the December 2017 Pharmacy Board, Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program audit. Deanna Jurius noted most observations were partially resolved. She stated the Pharmacy Board is in the process of rulemaking to address observations. OPLC was also in the middle of implementing new licensing software.

Representative Weber asked whether inspections are based entirely on complaints or a schedule. Deanna Jurius stated inspections are done routinely. Representative Weyler noted the closing of Rite Aid in the State and asked the representatives from OPLC about Rite Aid's standing in the State. Deanna Jurius responded that she did not know of any information OPLC had which would have indicated Rite Aid would close. Representative Weyler followed up asking whether OPLC had information corroborating claims that pharmacy benefit managers were setting unaffordable prices. Deanna Jurius could not speak to those claims stating regulations of the Pharmacy Board are not connected to pharmacy benefit managers. Representative Griffin recognized OPLC's progress but noted there would likely be a meeting in the future to check the status of the unresolved observations.

STATUS OF ONGOING PERFORMANCE AUDITS

Christine Young, Director of Audits for the LBA, and Jay Henry, Performance Audit Supervisor, provided updates on current LBA performance audits.

NHED Oversight of Special Education

Christine Young explained the report is being written and the audit team has completed 25 observations. The LBA has identified 70 observations and hopes to have a full draft report in the first quarter of calendar year 2026 and a final report in Summer 2026.

NHED Oversight of Education Freedom Accounts

Christine Young noted the audit team is currently performing analysis and fieldwork while writing observations. Forty observations have been identified so far. Fifteen observations have been finalized with most pertaining to eligibility, and five additional observations are in progress. Christine Young stated the LBA hopes to have a draft report by mid Spring 2026 and a final report in Summer 2026.

Doorway Program

Christine Young noted the LBA has finalized the audit plan and staff were successful in isolating the financial activity of the program in NH FIRST. The LBA should be able to report on the cost of operating the program during the four-year audit period (SFY 2022 – SFY 2025). Young noted there was a change in vendors at some point, so the LBA is still waiting on financial data for SFY 2025. Christine Young predicted fieldwork would be completed by Thanksgiving. A draft report is planned for January or February 2026 and a final report by March or April 2026.

Representative Griffin asked when the Committee and the LBA can discuss new audit topics. Jay Henry responded that the Committee could provide the LBA with a list of topics the Committee is interested in at any time, but the LBA would not have staff to commit to new projects until the Doorway Program audit is complete likely in Spring 2026. Representative Griffin clarified the reason he asked was to potentially skip a Committee meeting in December and meet sometime in early 2026 to discuss new audit topics. Representative Griffin suggested February 6, 2026, but Representatives Weyler and Erf noted there may be scheduling conflicts with the Fiscal Committee. Representative Weber suggested Representative Griffin could reach out to a member of the Senate to clarify availability for the next Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Weyler noted it is a positive development that the Committee is following up with agencies to check in on the status of outstanding observations. Representative Griffin concurred, stating follow-ups with agencies are a long-term solution.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM. On a motion by Representative Weyler, Representative Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald Griffin", is written over a horizontal line.

Gerald Griffin, Chair