

## LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 3, 2025

The Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee met on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the State House, Room 100.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Rep. Gerald Griffin, Chairman  
Rep. Lucy Weber (joined late)  
Rep. Keith Erf (joined late)  
Rep. Mary Jane Wallner  
Rep. Kenneth Wyler  
Sen. Cindy Rosenwald (left early)  
Sen. Howard Pearl  
Sen. Keith Murphy

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

### VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Representative Griffin, seconded by Representative Erf, that the minutes of the September 5, 2025 meeting be accepted. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Representative Rosenwald would like to see honorifics used in the minutes.

### POTENTIAL AUDIT TOPICS – REVIEW STATUS OF PRIOR PERFORMANCE AUDITS

#### *Police Standards and Training Council – 16 Observations*

John Scippa, Director, Police Standards and Training Council (PSTC), and Major Adam Hawkins presented. Director Scippa updated the Committee, stating that all observations except four of 16 have been resolved. These remaining four have been either partially or substantially resolved.

Director Scippa went through the unresolved observations sequentially, starting with **Observation No. 6**. Funding was secured at the end of the last budget cycle. A company was contracted to complete a job task analysis and collect data relative to a physical aptitude test for officers, updating a physical assessment in use since 2001. The company has since completed this analysis. A meeting with various subject matter experts is scheduled to examine this analysis and compare it to existing procedures, scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2026.

When discussing **Observation No. 7**, Director Scippa noted he was appointed a year after this audit report was released. After his appointment in 2020, Governor Sununu created the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT). LEACT published a report containing 48 observations, 22 of which pertained to the PSTC. The

PSTC has been working to resolve findings published in both the LEACT report and the 2019 performance audit report, which have some overlap. Director Scippa also stated that council members have not been able to meet to develop a strategic plan.

**Observation No. 10** was discussed next. A part-time employee was hired at the PSTC to oversee administrative rules. Director Scippa has also been working with their rules subcommittee to propose amendments to existing rules. The PSTC will hold a public hearing on the amendments in November, for finalization in 2026.

**Observation No. 16** was discussed last. Director Scippa explained the Corrections Advisory Committee (CAC) had not met since 2021, and those members identified in statute did not have direct experience in corrections. Some vacancies on the CAC have also not been filled.

#### *OPLC's Board of Dental Examiners – 36 Observations*

Dee Jurius, Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC), and Heather Kelly, OPLC Director of Operations, presented. Executive Director Jurius went through the partially resolved observations, starting with **Observations No. 2** and **No. 3**. RSA 310 made significant changes to the governing statute of OPLC, and OPLC is currently updating rules and policies to reflect these changes.

**Observations No. 10** and **No. 11** were discussed next. OPLC is tracking employee performance and will incorporate this into decision-making. Funding for a contract to create a new licensing portal for the enforcement division was recently approved as well.

**Observations No. 18** and **No. 19** were discussed last. Executive Director Jurius explained that OPLC does not decide credentialing, and only provides support to the Board of Dental Examiners via administrative rulemaking. The Board has made multiple updates to their rules over the past two years. OPLC has been working through standardizing the disciplinary process as well.

#### *OPLC's Naturopathic Board of Examiners – 18 Observations*

Dee Jurius, Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC), and Heather Kelly, OPLC Director of Operations, presented. Executive Director Jurius said there are three unresolved and two partially resolved observations.

**Observation No. 1** was discussed first. OPLC is in the middle of the rulemaking process which has been delayed by statutory changes related to OPLC, which take priority.

**Observations No. 2** and **No. 3** were discussed next. Within the Naturopathic Board of Examiners is a formulary that contains members from other boards. Naturopathic doctors require the approval of the formulary to prescribe drugs. The formulary has not met in some time. OPLC is also working on processes to incorporate the Board of Pharmacy and its inspectors for its enforcement.

## STATUS OF ONGOING PERFORMANCE AUDITS

### *NHED Oversight of Special Education*

Christine Young, Director of Audits, LBA, and Jay Henry, Supervisor of Performance Audits, LBA, presented. Director Young stated fieldwork for this performance audit is complete, and observations are in progress. Twenty observations have been sent to the Department of Education and responses have been received. No other observations will be sent until the report is complete, as per the Department's request. A full draft report is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

### *NHED Oversight of Education Freedom Accounts*

Director Young stated fieldwork is nearing completion, and that 40 observations have been identified so far, ten of which pertaining to eligibility have been finalized. A draft report is expected in the upcoming Spring, and a presentation to the Fiscal Committee in the Summer. Senator Pearl asked if recent statutory changes to qualifications will impact the audit; Director Young responded by saying the changes have been considered, and language has been added to acknowledge these changes to statute.

### *Doorway Program*

Director Young said the team is finalizing the audit plan and has encountered challenges regarding isolating financial activities of the program in NH FIRST, as it is funded by both federal funding and the Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention. A draft report is estimated for completion in January or February, and a presentation to the Fiscal Committee in March or April.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Henry asked the Committee if any other agencies will be invited to the next meeting. After some discussion, he was asked to invite the OPLC and Department of Corrections.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at 1 Granite Place (room TBD). Representative Weber moved to adjourn the meeting and Representative Griffen adjourned the meeting at 11:07AM.



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Gerald Griffin, Chair