

Memorandum

Date: September 9, 2021
To: Members of the Legislative Audit Commission
From: Michelle Weber, Executive Director, LCC
Subject: Legislative Auditor Recruitment and Appointment Process

On Friday, August 20, 2021, Jim Nobles, Legislative Auditor, provided notification of his intent to retire effective Wednesday, October 6, 2021. The appointment of the legislative auditor is outlined in Minnesota Statutes 3.971, subdivision 1, the text of which is included below.

3.971 LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.

Subdivision 1. **Appointment and term.** The legislative auditor is the executive secretary of the commission. The legislative auditor shall be appointed by the commission for a six-year term and serve in the unclassified service. When in office, the legislative auditor may not at any time hold any other public office. The legislative auditor may not be removed from office before the expiration of the term of service except for cause after public hearing.

This memo includes a proposed process and timeline for consideration by the Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) to appoint a new legislative auditor. A draft position description and posting are included as attachments to this memo.

Estimated Timeline

September 13 – October 11	Position posting and application period
October 6	Interim auditor appointed, as approved by the LAC chair and vice chair
October 12 – October 15	Resume review and select candidates invited to first round interviews
October 18 – October 22	First round interviews conducted by nonpartisan staff
October 25 – October 26	Nonpartisan background review
October 27 – October 29	Second round interviews conducted by members of the LAC
November 1 – November 4	Reference and background checks
November 5 or November 8	Executive Subcommittee meeting to consider and recommend finalists
November 9 or November 10	LAC meeting to consider finalists and make final appointment

