# Legislative Audit Commission

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## Legislative Audit Commission

#### **Duties of the Audit Commission:**

- Review all compliance examinations, financial audits, other audits, and studies conducted by the Auditor General.
- ➤ Hold public hearings on all major audits to review problems and secure remedial action.
- Initiate and review management and program audits and investigations.
- Make recommendations to the General Assembly and agency management to remedy weaknesses disclosed through audits or at Commission meetings.
- Monitor agency progress in implementing corrective action.

## Members of the Commission

## <u>Senators</u>

- Chris Balkema
- Laura Ellman
- Chapin Rose, Co-Chair
- Doris Turner
- Celina Villanueva
- Craig Wilcox

## **House**

- Amy Elik
- Marcus Evans
- Natalie Manley
- Charles Meier
- Kyle Moore
- Robert "Bob" Rita, Co-Chair

The Commission has 12 members, all legislators.

> The Commission's public work takes the form of meetings held several times per year in Springfield or Chicago.

Every published audit report is acted on by the Commission by either reviewed in a public hearing or placed on a consent calendar.

#### LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION July 18, 2025

Meeting Room Access (LAC Members, Auditors, Invited Agency Officials and Media Personnel)

Live Streaming for Public and Media Viewing for the Meeting at:

https://ilga.gov/commission/lac/lac\_home.html

Time: 10:00 am

**Location: 160 N LaSalle Street** Hearing Room C600, Bilandic Building Chicago, Illinois

#### **AGENDA**

- I. Review of Audits

  - Northern Illinois University FY24 Compliance Audit Northeastern Illinois University FY24 Compliance Audit Department of Insurance FY21-22 Compliance Audit Chicago State University FY 24 Compliance Audit
- II. Consent Calendar
- III. LAC Financial Statements
  - May 2025
  - June 2025
- IV. Minutes from LAC Meeting on May 27, 2025
- V. Emergency Purchases

## LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION



Review of Northern Illinois University

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## The review of an audit heard at a meeting includes the following elements:

- Background/Agency Summary
- > Chart of Appropriations and Expenditures during the audit period
- > Summaries of the findings and recommendations
- Updated responses to the recommendations
  - > Implemented
  - Partially Implemented
  - Accepted
  - Not Accepted
  - > Under Study
- Emergency Purchases during the audit period
- > Employee Headquarter Report from the end of the audit period

### Items legislators usually cover at a meeting:

- Cooperation with the auditors
- > Why repeat findings are not fixed and when they will be
- > Timeline for implementation of new recommendations
- If an agency disagrees with a recommendation, why, and is an opinion from the Attorney General needed
- > Reasons for emergency purchases
- > Reasons for dramatic changes in any financial/fiscal information
- > IT problems
- Noted staffing issues

#### **Notable Problems**

- Repeat findings and recommendations
- > Staffing problems and policy deficiencies
- > Late and erroneous financial statements
- > Internal audits not performed
- IT findings and responsibilities
- Monitoring and oversight
- > Statutory compliance
- > Adverse opinions
- Internal controls

### Other Audit Commission Responsibilities:

- Headquarter reports
- Emergency purchases quarterly reports
- Annual report on LAC activities
- Purchasing laws
- University guidelines
- Office of the Auditor General administrative rules changes that require LAC action
- Acknowledgement of receipt of certain reports, ex: State Actuary's Report of the Actuarial Assumptions and Valuations of the State-Funded Retirement Systems
- Accepting LAC monthly financial statements

## Additional Responsibilities cont'd

> Putting forth a name or names of candidates to the General Assembly for the Auditor General position every ten years or when a vacancy occurs