



MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | 3:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

President J. Stuart Adams, Co-chair
Speaker Mike Schultz, Co-chair
Majority Leader Kirk A. Cullimore
Minority Leader Angela Romero
Majority Leader Casey Snider

Members Absent:

Minority Leader Luz Escamilla

Staff Present:

Brian J. Dean, Deputy Auditor General
Donna Hernandez, Office Manager
Darin R. Underwood, Deputy Auditor General
Kade R. Minchey, Auditor General

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Speaker Schultz called the meeting to order at 3:53 PM.

2. Audit Report Presentations

Mr. Brian Dean, Deputy Auditor General, introduced A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake City Police Department (Report 2025-29).

[A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake City Police Department: The Critical Role of Effective Leadership](#)

Mr. Dean, Mr. Ryan Thelin, Senior Audit and Operations Supervisor, and Mr. Spencer Lindsay, Performance Auditor, presented the findings of the audit.

Mr. Thelin responded to a question from Speaker Schultz regarding the overtime hours claimed by officers on the Homeless Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Dean responded to a question from Representative Romero regarding the number of reporting hours from officers working on the Homeless Mitigation Plan.

Ms. Erin Mendenhall, Mayor, Salt Lake City (SLC) Corporation, responded to the findings of the audit.

Mr. Brian Redd, Chief of Police, Salt Lake City Police Department, responded to the findings of the audit.

Speaker Schultz thanked Mayor Mendenhall and Chief Redd for their work towards fixing many of the issues that SLC is facing.

Chief Redd responded to a question from Speaker Schultz regarding concerns in Homeless Mitigation fraud hours being reported.

Representative Romero thanked Mayor Mendenhall for the changes that are being made in Salt Lake City, and for the work done on cultural issues.

Representative Snider commended the Mayor for the changes being made and the steps being taken to work on some of the issues currently being experienced.

Mayor Mendenhall thanked the Legislature for their collaboration with the SLC criminal justice system.

President Adams thanked Mayor Mendenhall and Chief Redd for the work they have done, and the confidence he has in them as they work towards improving the criminal justice system.

MOTION: President Adams moved to refer A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake City Police Department (Report 2025-29) to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee as the Lead Committee and to the Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee as the Review Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5 Sen. J. Adams
Nays - 0
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Spider

Absent - 1
Sen. L. Escamilla

3. Committee Business

MOTION: President Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5 Nays - 0
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Absent - 1
Sen. L. Escamilla

4. Audit Report Presentations

Mr. Dean introduced A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County Jail (Report 2025-30).

A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County Jail: The Impact of Insufficient Jail Capacity on Criminal Justice Outcomes

Mr. Dean, Mr. Thelin, and Mr. Joe Hadfield, Lead Auditor, presented the findings of the audit.

Mr. Hadfield responded to a question from Speaker Schultz regarding the failure-to-appear numbers reported.

Mr. Thelin responded to a question from Representative Romero on the decline of the statewide failure-to-appear rate compared to Salt Lake County.

Mr. Hadfield responded to a follow-up question from Representative Romero regarding the cause of the overcrowding releases.

Mr. Dean, Mr. Thelin, and Mr. Hadfield continued their presentation on the findings of the audit.

Mr. Thelin responded to a question from President Adams about Salt Lake County's per-capita capacity rates compared to other counties.

Mr. Dean, Mr. Thelin, and Mr. Hadfield continued their presentation on the findings of the audit.

Ms. Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County Mayor, Sheriff Rosie Rivera, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, and Chief Deputy Matt Dumont, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, responded to the findings of the audit.

Speaker Schultz commented on his disappointment with the lack of leadership in Salt Lake County despite previous recommendations from the Legislature. He stated that public safety is the number one focus for local government.

Representative Romero stated that Salt Lake County Council has had a huge population growth that has contributed to many of the issues they are facing.

Mayor Wilson responded to comments from Speaker Schultz on public safety being the number one priority and concern.

Speaker Schultz commented on Representative Romero's point that the county should make safety number one and work their budget around this.

Deputy Chief Dumont responded to President Adams' questions regarding the county jail reimbursement fund for jail space, continuing this program, and the number of federal prisoners currently being housed in the county jail.

MOTION: President Adams moved to refer A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County Jail (Report 2025-30) to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee as the Lead Committee and to the Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee as the Review Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. L. Escamilla

5. Audit Report Presentations

Mr. Dean introduced A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office (Report 2025-31).

[A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office: Improving Governance and Transparency](#)

Mr. Dean, Mr. Thelin, and Mr. Erick Bravo, Lead Performance Auditor, presented the findings of the audit.

Speaker Schultz requested that the audit team provide a high-level overview of the audit report of A Review of Salt Lake County's Criminal Justice System prior to the response by the DA's office.

Mr. Dean introduced A Review of Salt Lake County's Criminal Justice System (Report 2025-32).

[A Review of Salt Lake County's Criminal Justice System: Strengthening Oversight and Coordination for Repeat Criminal Offenders](#)

Mr. Dean and Mr. Thelin presented the findings of the audit.

Speaker Schultz thanked the auditors for their work on these audits.

Deputy Chief Anna Rossi Anderson, Justice Division, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, and Chief Deputy Bridget Romano, Civil Division, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office (DA), responded to the findings of the performance audit of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office.

Speaker Schultz expressed his disappointment that District Attorney Sim Gill did not attend, instead choosing to attend a budget meeting. Speaker Schultz wanted the record to show that both the Mayor of Salt Lake City and the Mayor of Salt Lake County came, but not the Salt Lake County District Attorney.

Deputy Chief Anna Rossi Anderson responded to a question from Speaker Schultz regarding preventing the auditors from attending internal meetings in the DAs office.

Deputy Chief Rossi Anderson responded to a question from Speaker Schultz about the Supreme Court's support for the auditors' presence during courtroom sessions.

Mr. Dean responded to the statement made by Deputy Anderson regarding emails showing the pushback from the DA's office regarding auditors attending court sessions.

Speaker Schultz stated that Article 6, Section 33, of the Utah Constitution regarding the legislative auditors' authority gives them clear authority to do their jobs. He stated his concern on why the DA's office pushed back and that it gives the impression that there is something to hide.

President Adams commented on his concerns regarding preventing the auditors from getting the data they need to perform their audit and how the DAs Office is doing a disservice to those that need the help the most, when they prevent the auditors access.

Deputy Chief Anderson responded to questions from Representative Snider regarding whether the Mayors, who are present, have any input on the county budget, whether the sheriff has any input on their budget, - how long they have known about the meeting, - how long they have participated in the audit. Representative Snider then stated that the absence of the District Attorney reflects a leadership shortfall and expressed his frustration and disappointment in the DA's decision not to show up to the meeting.

Speaker Schultz commented that it is not fair for the DA to not show up. He also stated that it shows a lack of leadership.

MOTION: President Adams moved to refer A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office (Report 2025-31) to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee as the Lead Committee and to the Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee as the Review Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. L. Escamilla

MOTION:

President Adams moved to refer A Review of Salt Lake County's Criminal Justice System (Report 2025-32) to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee as the Lead Committee and to the Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee as the Review Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. L. Escamilla

MOTION:

President Adams moved to adjourn at 5:18 PM. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. L. Escamilla