

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
SJC-13921

DIANA DIZOGLIO, in her capacity as State Auditor, vs. RONALD MARIANO, in his capacity as speaker of the House of Representatives, and others¹; ATTORNEY GENERAL, intervener.

ORDER

The court, having considered the written submissions of the plaintiff (Auditor) and of the intervener (Attorney General), together with the arguments, clarifications, and representations of their respective counsel made during oral argument, hereby finds:

(1) the Auditor wishes to pursue claims against the defendants for their alleged failure to respond to her request for information dated January 6, 2025;

(2) the Auditor has sought to be represented by the Attorney General or, in the event the Attorney General declines to represent the Auditor, to have the Attorney General appoint

¹ Karen E. Spilka, in her capacity as Senate President, Timothy Carroll, in his capacity as House Clerk, and Michael D. Hurley, in his capacity as Senate Clerk.

counsel, paid at public expense, to represent the Auditor with respect to the claims identified in paragraph (1);

(3) the Auditor has now limited her request for representation to the defendants' alleged failure to produce:

(a) "the official budgets for the Senate for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023[,] and 2024"; (b) "[c]opies of official audits of the Senate for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023[,] and 2024"; (c) "[a] listing of all transactions related to the Senate's balance forward line item for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023[,] and 2024"; and (d) "[a] listing of all monetary agreements⁽²⁾ entered into by the Senate with any current or former employees or members of the Senate during Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, 2023[,] and 2024"; and

(4) the Attorney General represents that she will be able to reach a final decision within thirty days of an order issued by this court as to the Auditor's request for representation with respect to the claims identified in paragraph (3).

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that:

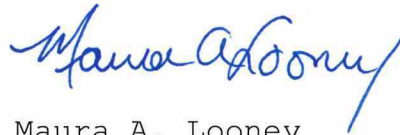
The Attorney General shall make a final determination as to the Auditor's request for representation regarding the matters identified in paragraph (3) above, and file a status report

² As the term "monetary settlement agreements" is defined by the Office of the Comptroller.

regarding her decision with the court within thirty days of entry of this Order. The status report shall include a brief statement (without argument) regarding whether the Attorney General continues to seek a ruling on the motion to strike that is pending before this Court.

No additional filings shall be made in this matter without leave of the court.

By the Court,



Maura A. Looney
Clerk

ENTERED: May 7, 2026