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Auditor General DePasquale Issues Statement on Leave Payment to Former Executive Director of Philadelphia Parking Authority

Plans review of \$120,000 unused vacation leave payment as part of current audits

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale issued the following statement regarding a reported \$227,000 payout to the former executive director of the Philadelphia Parking Authority that included a \$120,000 leave payment for 1,000 hours of vacation leave:

"My current audits of the Philadelphia Parking Authority will cover the payout issue, and much more, as we are digging deep into the authority's policies and procedures and its compliance with those requirements. If this payout is accurate, it is egregious, excessive and inappropriate for any government entity."

The payout review will be part of the <u>audit DePasquale announced in October</u> to determine the authority's adherence to and the effectiveness of PPA's employment policies and procedures, including those related to prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace. In November, DePasquale and Attorney General Bruce Beemer <u>announced a separate, joint performance audit</u> of the PPA with financial objectives.

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