



Whereas, on October 11, 2021, Delaware State Auditor Kathy McGuiness was indicted on two felony charges and nine misdemeanors by the Delaware Attorney General.

Whereas, the entirety of both the General Assembly House and Senate leadership have called for State Auditor Kathy McGuiness to take a leave of absence while under investigation by the Delaware Department of Justice.

Whereas, Senator McBride, Senator Sturgeon, and others have joined the call for the Auditor to take a leave of absence while under investigation by the Delaware Department of Justice; Representatives Madinah Wilson-Anton and others presented a Resolution to the House calling for the removal of the Auditor; and both House and Senate leadership have retained a former Delaware Supreme Court Justice to provide a legal opinion to guide their process and decision on potential removal of the Auditor.

Whereas, the Delaware Democratic Party has in its Platform and its practices, and Good Government Principles prioritized earning and maintaining the Public's Trust and expects all our elected Democrats to conduct themselves in office and in their personal lives in a fashion that does not erode that trust.

Whereas, the Delaware Democratic Party agrees with the Senate Leadership observation, "the scale of the charges both shatters the public's confidence in Auditor McGuiness' ability to serve as a watchdog of government finances and prevents her from meeting the duties and obligations of her office."

It is therefore Resolved, that the Delaware Democratic Party calls for Auditor McGuiness to take a Leave of Absence to;

- 1) focus on resolving these charges from the Department of Justice, and;
- 2) to allow the Auditor's office to function in a way that preserves the public trust in the office.

It is further resolved that this resolution should be forwarded to members of the Delaware Legislature, Sub-Division Committees, and posted to the Delaware Democratic Party website.

Adopted 7 December 2021.

Vote: YES 16

NO 1

ABSTAIN: 0