

## Arizona Racing Commission

### Performance Audit and Sunset Review

Racing Commission did not comply with some State conflict-of-interest and public records request requirements and recommended practices

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#### Audit purpose

To determine whether the Racing Commission complied with State conflict-of-interest requirements and recommended practices; to review the commercial racetrack permitting process; and to respond to the 10 statutory sunset factors.<sup>1</sup>

#### Key findings

- ▶ Racing Commission is responsible for regulating aspects of horse racing in the State, including conducting hearings of commercial racetrack permit applications.
- ▶ Racing Commission conducted hearings related to and approved an application for renewal of a commercial racetrack permit it received in 2024, consistent with its statutory objectives, purposes, and authority.
- ▶ Racing Commission did not comply with some State conflict-of-interest requirements or follow recommended practices, increasing the risk that commission members did not disclose interests that might influence their official conduct.
- ▶ Racing Commission did not consistently provide a written notice of and reason for delays when responding to public records requests.

#### Key recommendations to the Racing Commission

- ▶ Implement conflict-of-interest policies and procedures to help ensure compliance with State requirements and recommended practices.
- ▶ Update its policies and procedures to provide a written notice to requestors explaining the reason for any delay in fulfilling a public records requests.

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<sup>1</sup> The Arizona Auditor General conducted this performance audit and sunset review of the Racing Commission pursuant to a September 18, 2024, resolution of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. This audit was conducted as part of the sunset review process prescribed in Arizona Revised Statutes §41-2951 et seq.