

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL
December 30, 2020

Members participating:

Speaker Ron Ryckman, Chairperson
President Susan Wagle, Vice Chairperson
Representative Dan Hawkins, Majority Leader
Representative Blaine Finch, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Tom Sawyer, Minority Leader
Senator Jim Denning, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman, at 11:00 a.m.

1. Chairperson Ryckman presented the minutes of the meetings of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on November 19, 2020, for consideration. Representative Tom Sawyer moved that such minutes be approved. Senator Anthony Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, who described the item of consideration and approval of the reimbursement of certain approved out-of-state travel for legislative members through June 30, 2021. Representative Dan Hawkins moved such reimbursement for out-of-state travel be approved. Representative Blaine Finch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Chairperson Ryckman recognized J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who presented a request from the Capitol Preservation Committee for one additional interim meeting day. Representative Hawkins moved to approve such request. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, who explained that bills by special committees must be assigned to a house of origin by the LCC for introduction during the 2021 Legislative Session. Authorization is needed for the President and Speaker to make the assignments. Representative Hawkins moved for approval of such authorization. Representative Finch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Self, who explained that there are joint committees that require authorization by the LCC to meet and for members to receive reimbursement for expenses during the 2021 Legislative Session. Representative Hawkins moved for approval of such authorization. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Self, who provided information on the holidays designated by the Governor for Executive Branch personnel for calendar year 2021, including one discretionary day. Representative Hawkins moved to approve such holidays,

including the discretionary day, as holidays for Legislative personnel. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Self. Mr. Self reviewed his memorandum recommending prices of \$29 per volume for bound volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, \$99 for a set of Statutory Supplements and General Index, \$9 for single volumes of Statutory Supplements, and \$18 for the General Index volume, separately, for 2021. Mr. Self indicated the recommended prices are based solely on the cost of production which include the costs of printing, paper and other supplies. Representative Hawkins moved that the recommended prices for volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, the Statutory Supplements and the General Index be adopted. Representative Finch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who reviewed a proposed contract with Propylon for a six-month term for support services (\$90,000) and project services (\$200,000) for a maximum total amount of \$290,000. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Alan Wies, Chief Information Technology Officer, who reviewed his KLISS updates report and a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide Kansas Legislative Information Systems and Services for the Legislature requested by the Council a previous meeting.

After considerable discussion, Representative Finch moved to approve the proposed contract for only the \$90,000 support services component. Vice Chairperson Susan Wagle seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Finch expressed concerns about the timeframe of the phases included in the RFP and the implementation and development of a new system. Chairperson Ryckman directed Mr. Wies to provide additional information to answer questions of LCC members and make necessary changes in the RFP to shorten the timeframe of the software development project.

9. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day to provide an update on Statehouse space and room usage. Mr. Day and Mr. Self advised the Council that they had met with Department of Administration officials regarding Statehouse space and room usage now and during the upcoming Legislative Session. Such officials referred Mr. Day and Mr. Self to the Chief Counsel of the Governor's office for additional discussions. Chairperson Ryckman indicated that pursuant to prior authority, the Governor has redesignated the Statehouse meditation room as office space and moved the meditation room to the "green" room near the visitor's center. He noted the LCC has authority to assign the usage of the "green" room. Council members expressed interest in continuing discussions on Statehouse space and room issues with the executive branch.
10. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Scott who presented recommendations of the Legislative Budget Committee for the LCC to approve the transfers from the Coronavirus Response Account of the State General Fund of \$1,300,000 to the Kansas State Fair Board for FY 2021 and \$1,000,000 to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for local health departments for FY 2021. Chairperson Ryckman indicated that since the time LBC made these recommendations, additional federal funds have been made available that may provide funds for these purposes. Consequently, Chairperson Ryckman recommends that a decision on these recommendations be delayed until additional information has been received.

11. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Wies who provided an update on the Legislative Virtual Statehouse Project including information on the implementation of the video conference systems in 13 committee rooms, the Senate and House of Representatives chambers, 10 conference rooms and the Visitor Center in the Statehouse, and the Statehouse infrastructure upgrades.
12. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day to provide an update on possible process and procedures to be implemented during the 2021 Legislative Session to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and provide and maintain a safe environment for legislators, legislative staff, visitors and the public. Mr. Day reviewed the assessment of risk and reduction of exposure to COVID-19 report provided by the University of Kansas Health System. Chairperson Ryckman indicated that an appropriate balance between providing such recommended safety protocols and the Legislature being able to conduct the necessary business they were elected to do is the goal. Mr. Day indicated that measures are being implemented regarding mask and face coverings, safe distancing requirements, COVID-19 testing opportunities, virtual meeting and heightened cleaning and disinfecting protocols among many other health and safety measures. Additional measures will be developed and implemented as available throughout the Session to ensure the safety of all.

Upon completion of all business before the LCC, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Gordon L. Self
Revisor of Statutes
As Secretary

Approved by

Speaker Ron Ryckman
Chairperson