

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

August 5, 2021

Members participating:

President Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Speaker Ron Ryckman, Vice Chairperson
Senator Rick Wilborn, Vice President
Senator Larry Alley, Majority Leader
Senator Dinah Sykes, Minority Leader
Representative Dan Hawkins, Majority Leader
Representative Blaine Finch, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Tom Sawyer, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 3:00 p.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Masterson presented the minutes of the meetings of the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) held on July 15, 2021, and July 27, 2021. Representative Sawyer moved that such minutes be approved. Speaker Ryckman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who distributed copies of a letter from Susan G. Heegaard, President of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), informing the LCC of the upcoming expiring appointments to the MHEC. Speaker Ryckman moved that Representative Barbara Ballard and Senator Molly Baumgardner be reappointed as commissioners on the MHEC and that Representative Ken Rahjes and Senator Marci Francisco be reappointed as alternate commissioners on the MHEC. Senator Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. J.G. Scott who presented recommendations from leadership of the Senate and House of Representatives for membership on the 2021 Special Committee on the Federal 340B Drug Program as follows:
Representative Susan Concannon as chairperson and Representatives John Barker, Will Carpenter, Brenda Landwehr, Vic Miller, Sean Tarwater, and Kathy Wolfe Moore as members of the special committee and, Senator Renee Erickson as vice chairperson and Senators Beverly Gossage, Richard Hilderbrand, Kristen O'Shea, and Mary Ware as members of the special committee. Speaker Ryckman moved to

approve such recommendations for members of the special committee.
Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. J.G. Scott who referred to a letter from Representative Dan Hawkins requesting that a special interim committee be appointed to study the federal "30x30" conservation initiative, which proposes achieving the goal of conserving 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. Representative Hawkins moved to approve the 2021 Special Committee on the 30x30 Conservation Initiative to study the potential effects of this program on private property rights and the agriculture industry, to consist of 11 members, and be authorized to meet for two days. Speaker Ryckman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. J.G. Scott then referred to a letter from Representative Brenda Landwehr requesting that the 2021 Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform be appointed. Representative Landwehr requested that the special committee consist of 13 members and be approved for six days of meetings, and that Representative Landwehr be appointed chairperson of the committee. Representative Landwehr also requested authorization of four working groups, which would mirror the working groups utilized by the 2020 Special Committee. The working groups would not receive compensation for attendance. The Kansas Health Institute would facilitate and moderate the working groups. Speaker Ryckman moved to approve the 2021 Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform as specified in Representative Landwehr's letter, and that the special committee consist of 13 members and be authorized to meet for six days. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Returning to agenda Item No. 3, Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. J.G. Scott who explained that Senator Jeff Pittman had inadvertently been excluded from the action of the LCC on agenda item number 3 appointing members to the 2021 Special Committee on the Federal 340B Drug Program. Senator Sykes moved that the LCC reconsider its action on the previous motion appointing members to the special committee. Speaker Ryckman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Speaker Ryckman then moved to approve the recommendation of previous members along with Senator Jeff Pittman for the 2021 Special Committee on the Federal 340B Drug Program. Senator Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, who presented information on authorizing legislative pay for legislators attending committee meetings remotely. Mr. Day explained that the LCC approved payment of salary only for those members attending committee meetings remotely for fiscal year 2021. To continue such payments the LCC would need to approve the payments for fiscal year 2022. Speaker Ryckman moved to

approve payment of salary for legislators attending meetings remotely during fiscal year 2022 when the Legislature is not in session. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, who presented proposed general instruction for preparation and submission of the revised FY 2022 and FY 2023 budget requests for the Legislature and Legislative Agencies. Such budget instructions directed such budgets be prepared as follows: (1) Legislators' compensation would be based on the current rate of \$88.66 per day; (2) legislators' daily subsistence rate would be budgeted at the current rate of \$151 per day unless a different rate is certified by the federal government on October 1, 2021; (3) no step movement or base salary increase would be included in the budget request for employees but position reclassifications or progression up the staff career ladder would be reflected in the respective agency budgets. Any other adjustments must be completed within existing resources; (4) no change for staff agency personnel whose salaries are fixed by LCC; (5) legislators' nonsession expense amount would be the current amount of \$787 per month; (6) an additional year of longevity bonus payments at the rate of \$40 per year of service for eligible employees would be included; (7) fringe benefit rate adjustments would be based on the ones being utilized by executive branch agencies; (8) the legislative computerization project (KLISS) would include necessary adjustments; (9) the Legislative Research Department budget would include necessary adjustments for the Kansas redistricting project; and (10) the Office of Revisor of Statutes budget for FY 2022 and FY 2023 would include adjustments for the printing of hard-bound volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. Speaker Ryckman moved to approve the general instructions and authorize the preparation of such budgets by legislative agencies including any recommendations of the LCC Subcommittee on Administration. Senator Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Tom Day who presented information on the legislative staff computer lease agreement. The current lease agreement is set to expire on December 1, 2021. A request for proposal for a lease of new computers closed on August 3, 2021, with two proposals being submitted. Mr. Day said he would present further information on the proposals and a new lease agreement at a future meeting. The anticipated date for the changeover of computers is October 1, 2021, depending on supply availability.
8. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Tom Day who distributed copies of proposed amendments to LCC Policy 60 concerning paid parental leave for legislative employees. Mr. Day explained that the proposed amendments would be effective for employees taking such leave on or after August 5, 2021, that a primary caregiver

could receive up to eight weeks of paid parental leave while a secondary caregiver could receive up to four weeks of paid parental leave, and that the paid parental leave could be taken at any time within 26 weeks after the birth or adoption of the new child. Mr. Day noted that this would make the paid parental leave policy the same as the executive branch's policy, except the executive branch still limits employees to taking the leave within 12 weeks of the birth or adoption. Mr. Day recommended that the revised policy be applied to any legislative employee currently on paid parental leave. Speaker Ryckman moved to approve the proposed amendments to LCC Policy 60. Senator Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Chairperson Masterson opened discussion on the issue of requiring masks be worn in the Statehouse. Chairperson Masterson stated that the recent executive order of the Governor requiring state employees to wear masks and that masks be worn in all state offices does not apply to the Legislature or legislative employees. Chairperson Masterson stated that it was recommended masks be worn by employees and the public while in the Statehouse, but that it was not required.

Senator Sykes requested clarification on the LCC's action on July 27, 2021, with respect to the report of the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council (UCMIC) to the LCC. Chairperson Masterson stated that, pursuant to House Bill No. 2196, the LCC had received and reviewed the UCMIC's report, and that there was an additional step that the LCC still needed to take to transmit the report to the Department of Labor, which such action would be considered at a future meeting.

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