

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

September 15, 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 58-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Masterson presented the minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on August 5, 2021. Senator Larry Alley moved that such minutes be approved. Senator Dinah Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Alan Weis, Legislative CITO, to provide information and recommendations on a proposed contract with Propylon, Inc. and an update on the RFP to provide Kansas Legislative Information Systems and Services for the Legislature as approved by the LCC at a previous meeting. Such recommendations are contained in a handout presented to the Council. After considerable discussion, Representative Blaine Finch moved to approve the proposed contract with Propylon for a six-month term for support and maintenance services for \$90,000 and the RFP be set with a three-year implementation schedule to be sent out prior to October 15, 2021. Vice Chairperson Ryckman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who presented a request by Representative Kristey Williams as Chairperson of the House standing Committee on K-12 Education Budget for the LCC to establish a Special Committee on Education to study the academic achievement of students after the increased funding approved pursuant to the *Gannon* case, and to be approved for up to two meeting days. Senator Rick Wilborn moved to establish such special committee as presented with 11 members of which six members shall be members of the House of Representatives and five members shall be members of the Senate. All members, including the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be appointed by the President and Speaker. Representative Dan Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Scott who described the progress of the SPARK executive committee and the process and structure to be utilized for the distribution of federal coronavirus funds. Senator Alley moved to approve legislative

staff to work with the Office of Recovery and the working groups in facilitating this process. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Chairperson Masterson described a proposal for changes in assignment of Statehouse space and room usage that assigns Room 221-E as the Meditation Room among other changes as contained in the handout presented to the LCC. Senator Alley moved to approve the proposal. Senator Sykes seconded the motion. Representative Hawkins made a substitution motion to assign Room 221-E as the Meditation Room and 84-N as staff offices for the Governor and hold all other proposed assignments for consideration at a subsequent LCC meeting. Representative Blaine Finch seconded the substitute motion. The substitute motion failed. The original motion carried.
6. President Masterson and Speaker Ryckman reviewed the recent federal pronouncements related to vaccination mandates imposed by President Biden and possible Kansas legislative responses to such mandates along with any related costs associated with any such responses. Speaker Ryckman indicated that in some instances associated costs would be significant, and a full understanding of such associated costs is essential in decision-making.

The Chairperson directed the Revisor of Statutes to report to the LCC what other states are doing related to the mandates and possible options for the Legislature as appropriate responses.

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

Prepared by

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Revisor of Statutes
As Secretary

Approved by

President Ty Masterson
Chairperson