Members participating:
President Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Speaker Dan Hawkins, Vice Chairperson
Senator Larry Alley, Majority Leader
Senator Rick Wilborn, Vice President
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader
Representative Chris Croft, Majority Leader
Representative Blake Carpenter, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Vic Miller, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:00 a.m., Monday December 18, 2023, in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Masterson presented the minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on November 9, 2023, for consideration and approval. Vice Chairperson Dan Hawkins moved to adopt the minutes presented. Senator Larry Alley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services. Mr. Day explained that during the August 9, 2023, LCC meeting, a motion was passed to amend LCC Policy 38 regarding the postage and printing allotment for members of the legislature to allow legislators to be able to send newsletters to every household in their district and directed Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, and Mr. Day to draft and present the appropriate amendments to LCC Policy 38 and LCC Directive 11, effective July 1, 2024, to effectuate the adopted motion. Mr. Day presented such proposed amendments. See minutes for the August 9, 2023, LCC meeting for details. After questions and discussion, Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to approve the proposed amendments to LCC Policy 38 and LCC Directive 11. Senator Rick Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Self who explained that bills recommended by special committees must be assigned to a house of origin by the LCC for introduction during the 2024 Legislative Session. Authorization is needed for the President and Speaker to make the assignments. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to approve such authorization. Senator Dinah Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Self who explained that special committees and statutory joint committees that have authority to introduce legislation need authorization by the LCC to prefile such legislation prior to the 2024 Legislative Session. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to approve such authorization. Senator Alley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Chairperson Masterson 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 for meetings held during the 2024 Legislative Session. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to approve such authorization. Senator Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Chairperson Masterson assigned to the LCC Subcommittee on Administration the responsibility to develop the process and make a recommendation for replacement of the Director of the Legislative Research Department.

7. Chairperson Masterson recognized Senator Renee Erickson, Chairperson of the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council, who stated that it was the recommendation of such council to extend to February 2, 2024, the deadline for completion of the project for modernization of the state’s unemployment compensation information technology system. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to extend such deadline as recommended to February 2, 2024. Senator Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Day who described progress on the KLISS modernization project. Mr. Day further described Phase II of the KLISS modernization project. Such cost of Phase II of the project is estimated to be $5.3 million. Upon direction of Chairperson Masterson, Mr. Day applied for a $5,000,000 federal grant (LARPA funds) that was awarded to Kansas for Phase II of the KLISS modernization project. After questions and discussions, Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved for approval of Phase II of the KLISS modernization project and authorization for the chairperson of the LCC to sign a memorandum of agreement on behalf of the LCC for the use of the federal funds for such project. Senator Alley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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