

PROPOSED MINUTES
 LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL
 July 9, 2024

Members participating:

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Hawkins at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Hawkins presented the minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on June 3, 2024, for consideration and approval. Vice Chairperson Ty Masterson moved to adopt the minutes presented. Representative Chris Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Hawkins recognized Ms. Shirley Morrow, Acting Director of the Legislative Research Department, who distributed and reviewed information regarding requested and proposed 2024 interim committees, study topics and meeting days for statutory and joint committees, special committees, standing committees and other committees, along with chambers for chairpersons of special committees and travel days, with the following recommendations to be presented to the LCC for consideration and possible approval:

<u>Committee</u>	2024 Preliminary Recommended <u>Meeting Days</u>
JOINT COMMITTEES	
Administrative Rules and Regulations	6
Child Welfare System Oversight	4
Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, J. Russell (Russ) Jennings	3
Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight	1
Home and Community Based Services & KanCare Oversight, Robert G. (Bob) Bethell	4
Information Technology	4
Kansas Security ^{1,3}	2
Legislative Budget	4
Pensions, Investments and Benefits (Joint KPERS)	1
Special Claims Against the State	4

State-Tribal Relations	2
State Building Construction	<u>3</u>
<i>Subtotal—Joint Committees</i>	38

REQUESTED SPECIAL/STANDING COMMITTEES

Special Committee on Available and Affordable Housing – House Chair	2
Special Committee on Centralized Pooled Collateral and PMIB Modernization – Senate Chair	2
Special Committee on Foreign Trade and Regulatory Sandboxes – Senate Chair	2
Special Committee on Medical Marijuana – Senate Chair	2
Special Committee on Sedation Dentistry – House Chair	1
Special Committee on State Employee Compensation – House Chair	2
Special Committee on Targeted Case Management – House Chair	<u>1</u>
<i>Subtotal—Special or Standing Committees</i>	12

OTHER

Capitol Preservation Committee	1
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee ²	1
Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight	2
Bus Trip to Various State-Owned Properties ⁴	<u>2</u>
<i>Subtotal—Other</i>	6

Grand Total – Interim Meeting Days **56**

¹This Committee is requesting travel outside of Topeka.

²This committee annually receives a report on the statutes of the Health Care Stabilization Fund. No letter is normally received since payment for legislative members is not from legislative sources.

³This committee was not approved for any travel outside Topeka.

⁴This trip would include members of the House Committee on Appropriations, Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and Joint Committee on State Building Construction.

Additional information regarding the proposed interim committees, study topics and meeting days may be found in attachments to these minutes. There are a total of 56 meeting days included in the recommendations. Vice Chairperson Masterson moved to approve the proposed interim committees, study topics, meeting days, chairpersons and travel days and authorize the Speaker and President to make assignments as needed. Representative Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Chairperson Hawkins recognized Ms. Morrow, who presented proposed general instructions for budget preparation and submission of the revised FY 2025 and FY 2026 budget requests for the Legislature and Legislative Agencies as follows: (1) Determinations related to salaries, wages and legislator expenses: (a) FY 2025 budget submission would be based on new compensation rate of \$43,000 annually for legislators

from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025; FY 2026 budget submission would be based on annual rate of \$43,000 as adjusted by the salary indexing instructions contained in the Legislative Compensation Commission Report dated October 12, 2023. The adjusted annual compensation would be effective from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026; and (c) legislator daily subsistence rate would be \$166 per day, which reflects the current rate or a different rate that might be certified by the federal government effective on October 1, 2024; (2) step movement or any cost-of-living adjustments in the pay plan for service agency staff would not be included, but position reclassifications or progression up the staff career ladder would be reflected in the respective agency budgets. Any other adjustments would be completed within existing resources; (3) for legislators, the current nonsession expense amount of \$787 per month would be utilized until January 1, 2025. Nonsession expenses for monthly stipends described in K.S.A. 46-137(c) will be eliminated subsequent to this date; (4) for legislative leadership, legislative leadership premium pay would be adjusted to reflect the new annual compensation rate described above; (5) an additional year of longevity bonus payments would be included for those eligible employees utilizing the FY 2025 rate of \$40 per year of service for those employees hired prior to June 15, 2008; (6) fringe benefit adjustments would be based on those being utilized by executive branch agencies; (7) for legislators, additional salary rate for interim committee meetings will be \$172 per day in addition to the annual salary starting on January 1, 2025; (8) legislature budgets would include the necessary adjustments for the legislative computerization project (KLISS); and (9) Office of Revisor of Statutes would include the necessary adjustments for the printing of hardbound volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and Supplements thereto. Vice Chairperson Masterson moved to approve the general instructions and authorize the preparation of such budgets by legislative agencies. Representative Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Hawkins recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, who provided an update on the KLISS modernization project. Mr. Day reviewed the June 2024 quarterly project status report, as well as the update on the KLISS modernization project phase 2. The steering committee requests authorization to complete contract negotiations for phase 2 of the KLISS modernization project and approval for the chairperson of the LCC to review and sign the completed contract. Vice Chairperson Masterson moved to authorize the chairperson of the LCC to review and sign the contract after review by the LCC Subcommittee on Administration. Representative Croft seconded the motion. Representative Carpenter requested that all LCC members be able to review the contract and offer any feedback to the Subcommittee on Administration. The motion carried.
5. Chairperson Hawkins recognized Mr. Day to provide an update on provisos in the 2024 appropriation bills, SB28 and HB2551, concerning the constituent relationship management software service, mileage reimbursement for interns and short-range wireless technology to transmit live audio of Chamber sessions. Regarding the mileage reimbursement for interns, Mr. Day asked that the LCC give himself and Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, the authorization to review LCC Policy 37, and at a future LCC meeting, present a proposal of any amendments needed to Policy 37 to implement the mileage reimbursement for interns. Representative Carpenter moved to authorize Mr. Day and Mr. Self to review LCC Policy 37, and at a future LCC meeting, present a proposal of any amendments needed to Policy 37 to implement the mileage reimbursement for interns. Vice Chairperson Masterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Chairperson Hawkins recognized Mr. Day who provided an update on the search for the Legislative CITO. Mr. Day stated that the position was posted three weeks ago and the deadline for the applications was July 5, 2024. Mr. Day has received 11 applications for the position and will provide the applications and other information to the Subcommittee on Administration for review and possible action as directed by the LCC.
7. Chairperson Hawkins stated that the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Administration was to appoint Ms. Shirley Morrow as the Director of the Legislative Research Department. Vice Chairperson Masterson moved to appoint Ms. Shirley Morrow as the Director of the Legislative Research Department. Representative Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 Dan Hawkins
Chairperson