

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL
June 18, 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 1:30 p.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Ryckman proposed the following special interim committees to commence immediately as a response to the COVID-19 emergency:

Special Committee on Economic Recovery – A 13-member special committee with six meeting days. The scope of the special committee is: Review state policies and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning Kansas economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of taxation, regulatory affairs, business financing, and programs at the Kansas Department of Labor and Kansas Department of Commerce.

Special Committee on Foster Care Oversight – A 13-member special committee with six meeting days. The scope of the special committee is: Receive input from families, social workers, and other stakeholders on progress and shortfalls in the State’s child welfare system, including quality of care for children in foster care, access to health and mental health services, trends in contributing factors, program outcomes from the Family First Prevention Services Act, and barriers to sharing information across stakeholders; and make recommendations to the Legislature on additional improvements and oversight needed to improve the State’s child welfare system.

Special Committee on Kansas Emergency Management Act – A 13-member special committee with six meeting days. The scope of the special committee is: Review the Kansas Emergency Management Act, the State’s new COVID-19 Response Package (2020 Special Session HB 2016), and the oversight and emergency management approaches utilized in other states; and make recommendations to the Legislature on any improvements or changes that should be considered.

Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform – A 13-member special committee with six meeting days. The scope of the special committee is: Analyze the state’s behavioral health system to ensure that both inpatient and outpatient services are accessible in communities, review the capacity of current behavioral health workforce, study the availability and capacity of crisis centers and substance abuse facilities, assess the impact of recent changes to the state policies on the treatment of

individuals with behavioral health needs; and make recommendations on steps needed to make Kansas a nationwide leader on behavioral health delivery.

The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the four special committees will be designated by the Speaker and the President.

Additionally, the following committees have requested meeting days:

The Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight is requesting two consecutive days (June 22 and 23) to meet the joint committee's statutory responsibilities to meet for the second quarter of calendar year 2020.

The Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight is requesting one day for a Zoom-only meeting to allow the committee to organize and select study topics for the 2020 Interim.

The Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight is requesting one day to review appointments requiring Senate confirmation.

Representative Dan Hawkins moved to approve the four special committees and requested meeting days and the requested meeting days of the two joint committees and three meeting days for the Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight. Representative Blane Finch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Chairperson Ryckman referred the Council to recommendations of the Legislative Budget Committee to allocate funds from the State General Fund appropriated to the Coronavirus Response Account. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who presented the following recommendations of the Legislative Budget Committee:

1. The transfer of \$11.6 million to the Department for Children and Families to fund Human Services Consensus Caseload estimate for foster care in FY 2020.
2. The transfer of \$6,886,292 to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for replacement of the AFIS with the ABIS for FY 2021.
3. The transfer of \$5.5 million to the job creation program fund of the Department of Commerce to support economic development efforts in FY 2020.
4. The transfer of \$830,000 to the Kansas Commission Veteran's Affairs Office to replace lost revenue from admissions in FY 2020.
5. The transfer of \$205,000 to the Kansas State Fair to replace lost revenue from non-Fair facility rentals and RV Park revenues in FY 2020.

The total recommended allocation is \$25,021,292. The LCC received comments and answers to questions of council members from Senator Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and Representative Troy Waymaster, Chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations. Representative Hawkins moved to approve the recommendations of the Legislative Budget Committee. Senator Jim Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Anthony Hensley abstained.

Vice Chairperson Susan Wagle moved that the Chairperson of the Legislative Budget Committee be a member of the Senate and the Vice Chairperson of such committee be a member of the House of Representatives. Senator Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Prepared by

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as Secretary

Approved by

Speaker Ron Ryckman
Chairperson