

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL
November 19, 2020

Members participating:

Speaker Ron Ryckman, Chairperson - by Teleconference
President Susan Wagle, Vice Chairperson - by Teleconference
Representative Dan Hawkins, Majority Leader - by Teleconference
Representative Blaine Finch, Speaker Pro Tem - by Teleconference
Representative Tom Sawyer, Minority Leader - by Teleconference
Senator Jim Denning, Majority Leader - by Teleconference
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader - by Teleconference

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman, at 10:00 a.m.

1. Chairperson Ryckman presented the minutes of the meetings of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on June 19, 2020, July 9, 2020, and September 16, 2020. Representative Dan Hawkins moved that such minutes be approved. Senator Jim Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Ryckman recognized the Legislative agency heads to present their agency budget requests for FY 2021, Revised and FY 2022. Such requests were presented by Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services for the Legislature and the Legislative Coordinating Council, Mr. J.G. Scott, Director for the Kansas Legislative Research Department, Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes for the Office of Revisor of Statutes, and Mr. Justin Stowe, Legislative Post Auditor for the Legislative Division of Post Audit. After discussion, Representative Hawkins moved to approve the agency budget requests for FY 2021, Revised, and FY 2022. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day, who presented the 2021 Session Employee Pay Schedule proposal. Mr. Day reported that the 2021 pay plan contains a \$250 payment for retention and recruitment of session employees. Mr. Day noted that not all positions were filled and assistance from outside staffing organizations may be needed. He noted the additional costs required by such organizations. Discussion by Council members indicated that members did not favor using outside organizations. Representatives Hawkins moved to approve such proposal. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Speaker Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who presented a recommendation for approval of authorization for office space and payment of staff expenditures for members of the Legislature elected to leadership positions enumerated in K.S.A. 46-145 who are not currently holding such leadership positions. Such expenditures are to be paid from general legislative appropriations for the purpose of organization in preparation for the 2021 Legislative Session. The authorized amount would be proportional to what the budget would be for the same length of time if the leader-elect already held the position.

Representative Hawkins moved to approve such authorization. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who presented a memorandum regarding recommended prices and number of copies distributed and purchased for the Legislative Highlights and Summary of Legislation publications. The memorandum recommended that the 2021 prices be \$0.75, plus sales tax, for Legislative Highlights and \$15.00, plus sales tax, for Summary of Legislation. Additionally, due to budget constraints, there shall be no distribution of free copies. Representative Hawkins moved that the recommended prices and continuance of no free copies policy be adopted. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Scott who presented a recommendation of the Legislative Budget Committee for the LCC to approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Coronavirus Response Account of the State General Fund to the Kansas State Fair Board for FY 2021. Representative Hawkins moved to approve such recommendation. Representative Blaine Finch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Scott who presented requests for approval of additional interim study days. Chairperson Julia Lynn requested three additional meeting days for the Special Committee on Economic Recovery and Chairperson Dan Goddard requested one additional meeting day for the Joint Committee on Kansas Security. Representative Hawkins moved to approve both requests for additional meeting days. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chairperson Ryckman presented a request by the House standing Committee on Health and Human Services for one meeting day to study Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome. Since this matter requires action relating solely to the House of Representatives, pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1202, only the Council members who are members of the House of Representatives will participate in the Council's action on the matter. Representative Finch moved to approve the request for a meeting day for the House standing committee. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Chairperson Ryckman 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 2021 Legislative Session. Representative Hawkins moved to approve such authorization. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who provided an update on the Kansas Virtual Statehouse Project. Mr. Day reviewed the proposal process, selection of vendor and project funding. Mr. Day requested an expansion of the project to include video conference system implementations in ten Statehouse conference rooms and the Visitor Center auditorium and training room. Mr. Day requested to approve World Wide Technologies as the vendor and their proposal at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000 and grant the Chairperson authority to approve and sign the vendor contract. Representative Hawkins moved to approve such recommendations. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day to present recommendations related to legislative printers. Mr. Day stated that after receiving proposals from six vendors in 2019, the procurement negotiating committee recommended the proposal of Century Business Technologies. After a delay in the project until September 2020, the cost for the five-year lease will be \$91,140 annually and \$455,700 for the total lease cost. Mr. Day recommended that the LCC approve such lease contract. Representative Hawkins moved to approve such recommendation and give Chairperson Ryckman authority to review and sign such contract. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who updated the Council on certain statehouse space and room usage issues. Mr. Day reviewed the discussions last year with the Department of Administration regarding statehouse space and use policies of the executive and legislative branch and the change in use of Room 221-E from a meditation room to general office space of the Governor's office. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Self who stated that pursuant to Kansas statute that the LCC was authorized to assign space in the state capitol building with required assignment of space to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the legislature and staff offices, departments and agencies thereof. Mr. Self indicated that Room 221-E was assigned to the Governor's office by the LCC and, after a budget proviso dedicating the room as a meditation room was not included in the most recent budget bill, the room could be used as deemed appropriate by the Governor. Mr. Self indicated that the LCC had authority to assign the usage of Room 221-E. After discussion, Chairperson Ryckman directed Mr. Day to renew discussions with the Department of Administration regarding statehouse space and use policies and to report to the LCC at the Council's next meeting.
12. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day to provide an update regarding the development of procedures to be utilized during the 2021 Legislative Session to best provide a safe environment for legislators, legislative staff members and the public. Mr. Day indicated he was seeking the advice of health experts in order to provide information for the LCC on best practices to ensure the safest possible environment. He reviewed current procedures by housekeeping staff to clean and disinfect the statehouse, and Senator Anthony Hensley commended them on their efforts. Chairperson Ryckman directed Mr. Day to continue his consultation with health experts and develop recommendations to present to the LCC at the Council's next meeting.

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

Speaker Ron Ryckman
Chairperson