Members participating:

President Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Speaker Dan Hawkins, Vice Chairperson
Senator Larry Alley, Majority Leader
Senator Rick Wilborn, Vice President
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 10:30 p.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Masterson presented the minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on June 5, 2023. Majority Leader Larry Alley moved to adopt the minutes presented. Speaker Dan Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, who presented the 2023 Session Document Service report. Mr. Day reported that 48 packets were distributed or purchased by state agencies and the public in 2023, with revenue collected in the amount of $6,811. The prices for the Document Packet Service were $544 (with tax) and $524 (tax exempt) for mailed packets, and $219.90 (with tax) and $200 (tax exempt) for pickup or state building mail. Mr. Day recommended no change in document packet price or free distribution levels for the 2024 Legislative Session. Speaker Hawkins moved that such recommendations be approved. Vice President Rick Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Day who reported that pursuant to LCC Policy 38 because of the United States Postal Service increasing postage for 1st class mail on July 9, 2023, postage allotments for 2024, will increase to $1,439 for Representatives, $4,317 for Senators and $382 for committee chairpersons. The printing allotment for 2024 is $1,000 for Representatives and $3,000 for Senators. Speaker Hawkins moved to increase the postage and printing allotments as reported, allow Mr. Day to make dollar for dollar adjustments throughout the year if postal rates are increased by the United States Postal Service, and, that for the purpose of allowing members of the legislature to send newsletters to every household in their district, commencing in Fiscal Year 2025, the LCC consider that the postage allotment for legislators be combined for newsletters in the amount of $6,000 for Representatives and $18,000 for Senators and the Revisor of Statutes and the Director of Legislative
Administrative Services be directed to draft the appropriate amendments to LCC Policy 38 to effectuate this proposal and present such draft policy at a subsequent meeting of the LCC for review and approval. Speaker Pro Tem Blake Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Corey Carnahan, Secretary of the Senate, who provided a report on the publication and distribution of Senate and House Permanent Journals. Mr. Carnahan reviewed information on the costs of the 2023 Senate and House Permanent Journals. Mr. Carnahan presented the joint recommendation of the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate that the Secretary of State be directed to order 150 copies of the Permanent Journals of the Senate and the Permanent Journals of the House of Representatives, and the cost for the two-volume set be $80, plus tax and handling. Majority Leader Alley moved that such recommendation be approved. Speaker Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who presented proposed general instruction for preparation and submission of the revised FY 2024 and the FY 2025 budget requests for the Legislature and Legislative Agencies. Such budget instructions directed such budgets be prepared as follows: (1) Legislators’ compensation would be based on the current rate of $88.66 per day; (2) legislators’ daily subsistence rate would be budgeted at the current rate of $157 per day unless a different rate is certified by the federal government on October 1, 2023; (3) no step movement or base salary increase would be included in the budget request for employees but position reclassifications or progression up the staff career ladder would be reflected in the respective agency budgets. Any other adjustments must be completed within existing resources; (4) no change for staff agency personnel whose salaries are fixed by LCC; (5) legislators’ nonsession expense amount would be the current amount of $787 per month; (6) an additional year of longevity bonus payments at the rate of $40 per year of service for eligible employees would be included; (7) fringe benefit rate adjustments would be based on the ones being utilized by executive branch agencies; (8) the legislative computerization project (KLISS) would include necessary adjustments; and (9) the budget for FY 2024 and FY 2025 for the Office of Revisor of Statutes would include adjustments for the printing of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and Supplements thereto. Chairperson Masterson appointed Speaker Hawkins, Minority Leader Sykes and himself to the permanent Subcommittee on Administration.

6. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Day to provide an update on the RFP for constituent relationship management software services. Mr. Day reviewed the related proviso of 2023 House Bill 2184 providing for the preparation and issuance of such RFP. Mr. Day reported that the RFP was issued on August 1, 2023, and provided a review of other provisions of the proviso. Speaker Hawkins moved that the subcommittee on Administration be directed, in consultation with the Procurement Negotiating Committee, to review all proposals received in response to the RFP issued pursuant to section 35 of 2023 House Bill No. 2184 for a constituent relationship management software service and be authorized, on behalf of the LCC, to select an entity to provide such services, and the President of the Senate be authorized to review and sign a contract on behalf of the LCC with the entity selected.
by the subcommittee. Vice President Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Alan Weis, Chief Information Technology Officer, who presented a report on the KLISS Modernization Project on behalf of the KLISS Project Steering Committee. Mr. Weis stated that pursuant to the contract that the new bill drafting system will be ready for the 2025 Legislative Session and phase two updates are still in the planning stage and the timetable on that phase will be reported to the Council at a subsequent date. Mr. Weis stated that phase two of the project has not been budgeted and that Propylon personnel would be onsite during implementation of the new bill drafting system during the 2025 Legislative Session. In response to questioning, Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, reported that progress on the new system was being made, but that as the new system was still in the design stage, a more definite assessment of progress would not be available until after delivery in late October and testing of the new system in November of this year. Additionally, much of the amendatory component of the new bill drafting system will not be available until May 2024, for testing and analysis of progress. Mr. Weis indicated that the recent sale of Propylon, Inc., to RSW was not expected to have any significant effect on the project as all project commitments and resources were being kept in place, the Propylon brand was retained, and work with the same Propylon personnel is continued.

8. Chairperson Masterson requested authorization by the Council for legislative staff to provide support for the Legislative Compensation Commission and the Build Kansas Advisory Committee. Speaker Hawkins moved such authorization. Vice President Wilborn 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

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President Ty Masterson
Chairperson