

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

December 19, 2019

Members participating:

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Wagle presented the minutes of the LCC meeting held on November 4, 2019. Representative Blaine Finch moved the minutes be approved. Senator Jim Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Chairperson Wagle recognized Ms. Jill Wolters, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes, who explained that bills by special committees must be assigned to a house of origin by the LCC for introduction during the 2020 Legislative Session. Authorization is needed for the President and Speaker to make the assignments. Representative Tom Sawyer moved for approval of such authorization. Representative Finch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Chairperson Wagle recognized Ms. Wolters, who explained that special committees and statutory joint committees that have authority to introduce legislation need authorization to prefile such legislation prior to the 2020 Legislative Session. Representative Dan Hawkins moved for approval of such authorization. Senator Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Wagle recognized Ms. Wolters, who explained that there are joint committees that require authorization by the LCC to meet and for members to receive reimbursement for expenses during the 2020 Legislative Session. Representative Hawkins moved for approval of such authorization. Senator Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Chairperson Wagle recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, who presented an update on Phase 2 of the study of the retail rates of Kansas electric public utilities. Mr. Day indicated that the contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., chosen by the LCC at the November 4, 2019 meeting of the

Council to conduct Phase 2 of the study, should be finalized by the end of December and will be posted on the Kansas Corporation Commission website.

6. Chairperson Wagle recognized Mr. Day, who provided an update on video and audio streaming of legislative meetings. Every committee room is audio streamed and the chambers are video and audio streamed. They are currently working on video streaming four committee rooms. They are working on the issue of making rooms ADA accessible for the deaf and hard of hearing. Mr. Day is looking at vendors who offer real time captioning. He has met with the Kansas Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and interested parties. The plans are moving forward. Mr. Day plans to attend the next Commission meeting to discuss issues. Representative Finch moved that the LCC direct Mr. Day to develop a plan of implementation of the full video and audio streaming of Senate and House of Representatives chamber session meetings and all legislative committee meetings over a reasonable period of time with regard to acceptable hardware and software options and reasonable costs associated with such implementation, including reasonable services for the deaf and hard of hearing segment of our citizenry. Mr. Day shall consult with the Kansas Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (including appearing before a meeting of the Commission) and the State ADA Coordinator for the State of Kansas, as he develops any such plan. For any necessary revisions to LCC policies to accomplish this plan, Mr. Day shall consult with Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, for assistance and drafting resources. Mr. Day shall present such plan at a subsequent meeting of the LCC promptly upon completion of drafting and developing of such plan. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Chairperson Wagle recognized Mr. Day, who provided an overview concerning revisions to LCC Policies and Directives. In October, 2017, Mr. Day and Mr. Self presented a plan to review and update LCC Policies. The following proposed revisions are a result of such plan. The state no longer owns the Hiram Price Dillon House, therefore LCC Policy 56 (use of rooms or facilities of the Hiram Price Dillon House) and Policy 58 (Dillon House Advisory Commission) are no longer necessary. The proposal is to repeal Policy 56 and 58. Senator Hensley moved to repeal LCC Policy 56 and 58. Representative Finch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Regarding travel policies, LCC Policy 4 (travel authorization) and 34 (travel reimbursement), the proposed revisions address authorization and reimbursement for legislators and staff traveling out-of-state and internationally to Canada or Mexico to attend meetings. Senator Denning moved to adopt the revisions to LCC Policy 4 and 34 as presented, and repeal LCC Policy Directive addendum VII (Out-of-state Travel). Speaker Ryckman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Regarding stationery, LCC Policy Directive II (stationery), the proposed revision allows each legislator a set dollar amount to use for paper products, rather than listing numbers of cards and newsletters. Per calendar year, Representatives would be allotted \$1,000 and Senators \$3,000, with authority to increase the amount based on printing costs established by the state printer. Representative Hawkins moved to adopt the revisions to LCC Policy Directive II as presented. Senator Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Regarding correspondence and mailing, LCC Policy 38 (correspondence and mailing), the proposed revision allows each legislator per calendar year a postage allotment of \$1,335 for Representatives and \$4,005 for Senators. The proposal also increases the Committee Chairperson allotment for Committee correspondence to \$350. Speaker Ryckman moved to adopt the revisions to LCC Policy 38 as presented. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Regarding the Kansas Legislative Intern Program, LCC Policy 37 (Kansas Legislative Intern Program), the proposed revision authorizes an intern allowance in place of the current intern mileage expense allotment. Representative Finch moved to adopt the revisions to LCC Policy 37 as presented. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Regarding the Building Use, LCC Policy 43, Mr. Day reviewed the history of the current policy dating back to 2006. Members discussed building use, conducting legislative business and the safety of the members and the public. Representative Finch moved to direct Mr. Day and Mr. Self to respectfully request the Department of Administration to withdraw the new policy as it conflicts with LCC Policy 43 and for the Department of Administration and the Kansas Highway Patrol to work with Mr. Day and Mr. Self to develop a unified, written policy for the entire building. Speaker Ryckman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Chairperson Wagle recognized Mr. Day, who provided information concerning the Propylon contract. Mr. Day requested the LCC approve a contract for six months and to have any subsequent contracts be on the fiscal year, not calendar year. Members discussed the modernization of the system and supporting transparency of the legislative process. Representative Sawyer moved that the LCC approve authority for the LCC chairperson to sign the new contract with Propylon to span the time-period from January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$290,000; the amount to be set out in the contract will again be bifurcated between monthly support/maintenance totaling \$90,000 and an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for project-related work as defined by PODs. Speaker Ryckman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Chairperson Wagle recognized Representative Finch, who requested consideration for approval for a one-day meeting for the House Rules and Journal Committee prior to the 2020 Legislative session. Representative Finch moved to approve reimbursement of expenditures for House members to attend one day of a meeting of the House Rules and Journal Committee, and for the Legislative staff to provide support services. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. Chairperson Wagle recognized Mr. Day, who provided an update on the ground floor cafeteria services. Mr. Day indicated that the work is complete and DCF is working with the vendor to equip the new space. DCF anticipates the cafeteria will be open January 13, 2020. Mr. Day reported the third-floor snack bar will be open during the Session.

11. Chairperson Wagle recognized Mr. Day, who provided information on the donation of funds in the form of a grant from ArtsConnect for artwork in Committee rooms

pursuant to LCC Policy 57. Representative Finch moved to accept the grant for artwork in Committee rooms. Senator Hensley 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

President Susan Wagle
Chairperson of the
Subcommittee on Administration