

PROPOSED MINUTES  
 LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
 July 9, 2020

Members participating:

- Speaker Ron Ryckman, Chairperson
- President Susan Wagle, Vice Chairperson
- Representative Dan Hawkins, Majority Leader
- Representative Blaine Finch, Speaker Pro Tem – by Teleconference
- 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 10:00 a.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Ryckman presented the minutes of the meetings of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on March 24, 2020, March 27, 2020, March 29, 2020, and April 2, 2020. Representative Dan Hawkins moved that such minutes be approved. Senator Jim Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who distributed and reviewed information regarding requested and proposed 2020 interim committees, study topics and meeting days for statutory and joint committees, special committees and other committees and task forces with the following preliminary recommendations:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>2020 Prelim. Recommended Meeting Days</u>
<b>JOINT COMMITTEES</b>	
Administrative Rules and Regulations	<b>4</b>
Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight <sup>1</sup>	<b>3</b>
Home and Community Based Services & KanCare Oversight, Robert G. (Bob) Bethell	<b>4</b>
Information Technology	<b>5</b>
Kansas Security	<b>1</b>
Legislative Budget	<b>10</b>
Pensions, Investments and Benefits (Joint KPERs)	<b>1</b>
Special Claims Against the State	<b>3</b>
State Building Construction <sup>2</sup>	<b><u>3</u></b>
<i>Subtotal—Joint Committees</i>	<b>34</b>

**REQUESTED SPECIAL/STANDING COMMITTEES**

Special Committee on Economic Recovery *	<b>6</b>
Special Committee on Foster Care Oversight *	<b>6</b>

Special Committee on Health	<b>1</b>
Special Committee on Kansas Emergency Management Act *	<b>6</b>
Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform *	<b><u>6</u></b>
<i>Subtotal – Special or Standing Committees</i>	<b>25</b>

**OTHER**

Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia	<b>1</b>
Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee	<b>3</b>
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee <sup>3</sup>	<b>1</b>
Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission <sup>4</sup>	<b><u>16</u></b>
<i>Subtotal – Other</i>	<b><u>21</u></b>

**Grand Total – Interim Meeting Days** **80**

<sup>1</sup>This Committee is requesting authorization to tour the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility (Topeka).

<sup>2</sup>This Committee is requesting one day for travel outside of Topeka.

<sup>3</sup>This Committee annually receives a report on the status of the Health Care Stabilization Fund. No letter is normally received since payment for legislative members is not from legislative sources.

<sup>4</sup>This Commission is requesting 12 of 18 meeting days be authorized for its 6 subcommittees to meet.

\*Meeting days approved by the LCC at the June 18, 2020, meeting of the LCC.

Additional information regarding the proposed interim Committees, study topics and meeting days may be found in the attachments to the minutes. Representatives Hawkins moved to approve the proposed interim committees, topics and meeting days but not to approve the proposal regarding the Special Committee on Health, and approve regular reimbursement expenditures for legislators attending a meeting in person and the provision of daily rate of compensation for legislators participating in a meeting remotely. Representative Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Scott, who presented proposed general instructions for preparation and submission of the revised FY 2021 and FY 2022 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 \$151 per day unless a different rate is certified by the federal government on October 1, 2020; (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) a reduction for the amount of the FY 2021 KPERS death and disability moratorium would be included; (9) the legislative computerization project (KLISS) would include necessary adjustments; (10) the Legislative Research Department budget would include necessary adjustments for the Kansas redistricting project; and (11) the budget for the Office of Revisor of Statutes would include necessary adjustments for the printing of hardbound Volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. Representative Hawkins moved to approve the general instructions and authorize the preparation of such budgets by legislative agencies. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, who summarized the KanFocus Subscription Renewal proposal. Mr. Day reviewed the three options under the proposal and stated that there was not any increase in subscription fees from the 2018 proposal. Vice Chairperson Susan Wagle moved that the LCC renew the KanFocus subscription agreement pursuant to option three that provided for a two-year term, payable one year at a time, at the rate of \$89,925 per year, and that the Chairperson of the LCC be granted authority to review and sign the contract on behalf of the LCC. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day to review the proposed contract with Propylon to provide monthly support/maintenance and project-related work regarding the KLISS system. Representative Blaine Finch moved to renew the Propylon contract for six months commencing July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$290,000 of which shall include monthly support/maintenance totaling \$90,000 and an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for project-related work, to direct staff to work with Propylon on needed updates to the current system, to direct staff to prepare a RFP as discussed by the end of calendar year 2020, and that the Chairperson of the LCC be granted authority to review and sign the contract on behalf of the LCC. Vice Chairperson Wagle seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Chairperson Ryckman reviewed a request from the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight for approval by the LCC pursuant to LCC Policy 33 to write a letter to the Governor regarding a proposal by the Governor to sweep, allocate, repurpose or otherwise diminish funds available in the Juvenile Justice Improvement Fund. The letter would recommend that the Governor comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3722 and 75-52,164. Since the Governor has withdrawn such proposed action and will comply with requirements under law, no action was necessary on this request. Additionally, a letter requesting approval pursuant to LCC Policy 33 from the Legislative Budget Committee regarding a meeting and possible action by the Governor's SPARK committee related to Corona Virus Relief Funds to go to KDADS no longer required action.
7. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day to provide an update on the Electric Rate Study – Phase 2. Mr. Day reviewed the publication of the rate study with regard to certain confidential information that has not been made public. Mr. Day informed the Council that after a review by legal counsel of the Kansas Corporation Commission, some information in the report that is currently confidential and redacted may be made public.

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

Prepared by

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As Secretary

Approved by

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Speaker Ron Ryckman  
Chairperson