

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

August 26, 2011

Members participating:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson
Speaker Michael O'Neal, Vice Chairperson
Senator Jay Emler, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Arlen Siegfroid, Majority Leader
Representative Jene Vickrey, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Paul Davis, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 1:36 p.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse. Speaker O'Neal, Senator Emler and Representative Davis participated by telephone conference call.

1. Representative Siegfroid moved that the minutes of the Legislative Coordinating Council meeting held on June 30, 2011, be approved. Representative Vickrey seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, reviewed his memorandum regarding the price for the document mailing packet service (calendars, journals, bills and supplemental notes) and the free distribution levels for the 2012 legislative session. He recommended both remain the same they were as for the 2011 session. He noted however that the price for packets mailed 1st class will reflect the postage increase implemented April 17, 2011, so that the new price for mailed 1st class will be \$522.96 (with tax) and \$480.80 (tax exempt). Representative Siegfroid moved to approve the recommendation. Representative Vickrey seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Mr. Russell reviewed his memorandum regarding prices for the 2012 editions of Legislative Highlights and Summary of Legislation. He recommended that the prices remain the same as they were for the 2011 editions. Representative Vickrey moved to approve the recommendation. Representative Siegfroid seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Mr. Russell reviewed his memorandum making recommendations regarding the 2012 session employee assignment and pay policy for temporary legislative employees, including longevity and multiple-legislator assignment bonuses. The

recommended salary plan for 2012 reflects no increase over 2011, with new employees brought in at a lower pay level than those with one session of experience. Senator Hensley moved to approve the policy as recommended by Mr. Russell. Representative Siegfried seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Alan Conroy, Director of Legislative Research, presented a request by the co-chairpersons of the KPERS Study Commission for permission to meet outside Topeka for no more than six of its authorized meeting days. Senator Hensley moved to approve the request. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Pat Saville, Secretary of the Senate, reviewed information on the costs and distribution of the 2010 Permanent House and Senate Journals. Ms. Saville and Susan Kannarr, Chief Clerk of the House, jointly recommended that the Secretary of State be directed to order 150 copies of each the 2011 Permanent Journals of the House and the 2011 Permanent Journals of the Senate, and that the cost for the two volume set be \$80, plus tax and handling. Representative Siegfried moved the recommendations be adopted. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Mr. Conroy asked that the Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) be authorized to receive payment not exceeding \$12,000 from the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA) for logistical support provided by KLRD to KETA. Senator Hensley moved to authorize KLRD to receive such payment. Representative Siegfried seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Mr. Conroy distributed proposed general instructions for preparation of the FY 2012 (revised) and FY 2013 (requested) budgets of the legislature and legislative staff agencies. Consistent with the governor's direction to executive branch agencies, no step movement or base salary increase would be included in the budget request for employees. The budget request would include longevity bonus increases for eligible employees and fringe benefit rate adjustments. Legislators' compensation would be based on the current rate of \$88.66 per day. Legislators' daily subsistence rate would be budgeted at the current rate of \$123 per day unless a different rate is certified by the federal government on October 1, 2011. Legislators' nonsession expense amount would be the current amount of \$787.00 per month. The budgets of the Legislature and Legislative Research Department would include appropriate funding in their FY 2013 budgets for work associated with the 2012 redistricting. Also included in the revised FY 2012 budget and FY 2013 budget request of the Legislature would be necessary funding for the legislative computerization project (KLISS). Representative Vickrey moved that the proposed general instructions be approved. Representative Siegfried seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Mr. Conroy reviewed a proposed process for selection of the Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer. The process would include a legislative staff working group which would narrow the number of candidates to no more than five and a legislative committee which would interview the candidates recommended by

the staff working group. The legislative committee would consist of four members, one each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Members of the committee would receive compensation and necessary expenses for one day to conduct interviews. Payment of candidates' necessary interview expenses would also be authorized. Both the staff working group and the legislative committee would make a recommendation to the Legislative Coordinating Council. Representative Davis moved adoption of the proposed process. Representative Siegfried seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. Ms. Torrence briefly reviewed the statutory duties of the Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer. Representative Siegfried moved that Dave Larson, Director of Computer Services, be appointed acting Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer for a period of no more than 90 days. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. The Council recognized Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer, who is retiring at the end of August.
12. Speaker O'Neal congratulated President Morris on his selection as President of the National Conference of State Legislatures and Senator Emler on his selection as Chairman of the Council of State Governments.


Members of the Council also received notice of the Chairperson's approval of payment of expenses of conferees appearing before the KPERS Study Commission; reports of legislative agencies on out-of-state-travel expenses; and memoranda from the Office of Revisor of Statutes updating the Council on school finance litigation and other court cases of interest.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Mary Ann Torrence
Revisor of Statutes
as Secretary

Approved by



President Stephen R. Morris
Chairperson