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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on January 12, 2012, in Room 548-S of the Capitol. All members were present except Senators Donovan and Lynn, who were excused

### Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Lauren Douglass, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Committee Assistant

### Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tom Williams, appointee to the Crime Victims Compensation Board

### Others Attending:

See Attached

The Chairman opened the confirmation hearing on Tom Williams, who had been appointed to the Crime Victims Compensation Board by the Attorney General, Derek Schmidt, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7303. Mr. Williams term on the board will expire on March 13, 2014.

Mr. Williams introduced himself and his wife, Margo, and gave a brief review of the Appointment Questionnaire and his resume (Attachment 1).

In response to a question by Senator Vratil concerning his qualifications for the position, Mr. Williams stated he had been involved in law enforcement since 1976. He has worked various crimes, including homicides. He has worked with the victims of such crimes and the families of the victims.

In response to a question by Senator Schodorf concerning the duties of the Crime Victims Compensation Board, Mr. Williams stated it was the duty of the Board to assist crime victims, especially mental health assistance, and to monetarily compensate victims if it was within the guidelines of the Board.

In response to a question by Senator Vratil concerning whether he had an agenda to execute, Mr. Williams stated his only agenda was to help crime victims.

The Chairman closed the confirmation hearing.

Senator King moved, Senator Umberger seconded, that the appointment of Mr. Williams to the Crime Victims Compensation Board be confirmed. The motion was adopted.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.