

## MINUTES

### LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

October 13, 2008

#### Members participating:

Speaker Melvin Neufeld, Chairperson  
President Steve Morris, Vice-Chairperson  
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader  
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader  
Representative Ray Merrick, Majority Leader  
Representative Dennis McKinney, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Neufeld at 11:25 a.m. in Room 143-N, State Capitol.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

President Morris moved that the minutes of the September 9, 2008, meeting be approved. Representative Merrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

President Morris reported to the Council the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommended that the Council:

1. Approve the revised fiscal year 2009 budgets and the proposed fiscal year 2010 budgets for the Legislature, the Legislative Coordinating Council, the Legislative Research Department, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes and the Legislative Division of Post Audit as presented, except that the fiscal year 2010 budget request for the Legislature be approved at the same aggregate level as the revised fiscal year 2009 budget for the legislature, without the additional funding and the 2.0 new FTE positions requested for the Kansas Legislative Information Systems Strategic Plan Initiative for fiscal year 2010.
2. Authorize the Speaker and the President to assign interim bills to a house of origin.

3. Authorize the prefiling of legislation by statutory joint committees which have legal authority to introduce legislation.
4. Authorize any person who is selected as speaker, president or majority or minority leader of either house and who does not currently hold the position to have office space and employ staff from legislative appropriations to organize for next session.
5. Authorize expenditure of money from legislative appropriations for an historic structures report for Dillon House as proposed in Senator Umbarger's letter.
6. Authorize continuation of the current lease of legislators' laptops from Dell until May 2009 and at that time determine whether to buy the laptops and resell them or to return them to Dell.
7. Approve the recommendation of Legislative Administrative Services, Capitol Police and Division of Facilities Management that no outside groups be scheduled or permitted to conduct exhibits, functions or other events in the common areas of the Capitol during the 2009 regular session as recommended in the memorandum from Jeff Russell due to construction activities.
8. Approve extension of the deadline for the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight to submit its report on studies directed by the Council from November 1, 2008, to the first day of the 2009 regular session.
9. Authorize Chairperson Neufeld to sign a contract between the Council and Logan Business Machines for printers for legislative staff agencies.
10. Approve travel expenses for Representative Mah to attend the Southern Regional Education Board State Career/Technical Education Consortium State Leaders' Forum November 13-14 in Jacksonville, Florida.

In addition, the Subcommittee received a report from Pat Saville, Secretary of the Senate, on planing of orientation for members-elect; a report from Dave Larson, Director of Legislative Computer Services, outlining options for the lease, purchase and buyout of legislators' laptops leased from Dell; and a report from Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, on the search for Legislative Counsel and a proposed policy regarding use of Legislative Counsel.

The Council directed Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, to determine if any other state agency plans to pay Representative Mah's expenses before paying them.

President Morris moved that the subcommittee report be adopted. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Council considered the report of Ms. Torrence regarding the search for Legislative Counsel and by consensus decided that Chairperson Neufeld would appoint a subcommittee to review proposals submitted and make a recommendation to the Council. On motion of Senator Schmidt, seconded by Representative Merrick, the Council adopted the following policy governing use of Legislative Counsel:

Policy 59. Use of Legislative Counsel. Legislative Counsel employed by the Legislative Coordinating Council shall advise and represent the Legislature, or the Council on behalf of the Legislature, in litigation or potential litigation only at the direction of the Council. Legislative Counsel shall not advise or represent any individual legislator or group of legislators unless specifically authorized by the Council.

In addition, the Council requested that the Capitol Architect make a report to the Capitol Restoration Commission, at its next meeting, on the feasibility of using geothermal heating in the north wing of the Capitol and the cost of having the incumbent telecommunications carrier provide coaxial cable in both the north and south wings.

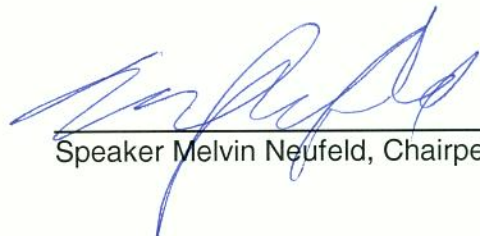
Members of the Council also received a Policy 42 report from Alan Conroy concerning outside employment of employees of the Legislative Research Department; a memorandum from the Office of Revisor of Statutes containing an update on court cases of interest to the Council; a Policy 20 meeting authorization from Speaker Neufeld and Policy 1 travel authorizations from President Morris.

The next meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council was scheduled for December 8, 2008.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by  
Mary Ann Torrence,  
Revisor of Statutes,  
as Secretary

Approved by

  
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Speaker Melvin Neufeld, Chairperson