

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

May 28, 2010

Members participating:

Speaker Michael O'Neal, Chairperson
President Steve Morris, Vice Chairperson
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Ray Merrick, Majority Leader
Representative Arlen Siegfried, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Paul Davis, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Speaker O'Neal at 9:10 a.m. in Room 152-S, State Capitol.

1. Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, reviewed legislators' requests for authorization to receive expenses and compensation for attendance at the Kansas Geological Survey Field Conference June 2-4, 2010. President Morris moved that each legislator receive one en route day if the legislator's home is more than 100 miles from the conference starting point, three days' salary and round trip mileage from home to the starting point, but no subsistence allowance. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Mr. Russell discussed the current LCC out-of-state travel policy. He suggested discontinuing the requirement that airline and hotel reservations and meeting registrations be made at least 30 days prior to a meeting unless the requirement is waived by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate. Mr. Russell noted that the travel policy restrictions have had the desired effect, with reimbursement of travel expenses having decreased from \$538,000 in FY2008 to \$235,000 in FY2009. Senator Hensley moved that the requirement for advance reservations and registrations be discontinued. President Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Kevin Yowell of KanFocus (formerly VoteTracker) presented two options for renewal of the Legislature's subscription to

KanFocus: (1) Renewal for one year at a rate 20% less than the rate for FY2009; or (2) renewal for two years at the same rate as for the current year (25% less than the FY2009 rate), with full payment due at the beginning of FY2011. Mr. Yowell agreed under option (1) to continue the FY2011 rate for FY2012 as well. President Morris moved that the Legislature renew its subscription as provided in option (1) and renew at the same rate for FY2012. Representative Siegfroid seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Alan Conroy, Director of Legislative Research, presented requests for approval of interim committee meeting days. The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations requested approval to meet one day in June. President Morris moved that the requested meeting day be approved. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried. The State Employee Pay Plan Oversight Committee requested approval to meet one day in June. After discussion of the importance of legislative oversight, Senator Hensley moved to approve the requested meeting day. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Mr. Conroy reviewed a request by the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State for approval under Policy 33 to ask the Attorney General to investigate actions of a former agent of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation which resulted in a lawsuit against the state and later a claim against the state. President Morris moved to approve the request. Representative Merrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. There was discussion of appointment of the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee and the Legislative Budget Committee. It was agreed by consensus that the making of the appointments would be delegated to the Speaker and President.
7. Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, requested the release of \$266,950 to the Division of Legislative Post Audit in FY2010 to be carried forward to FY2011 to pay for the state's share of the statewide single audit contract. The moneys were requested because the Governor vetoed a provision in the appropriations bill that would allow the Division to bill agencies for these costs. Without the additional moneys, Ms. Hinton said it would be necessary to eliminate three or four auditor positions, in addition to school finance auditor positions in FY2011. President Morris moved that the money be

released to the Division of Legislative Post Audit. Representative Merrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In addition, Speaker O'Neal thanked Ms. Hinton for her years of service in the Division of Legislative Post Audit and as Post Auditor and wished her the best in her new position in the state of Washington.

Members of the Council also received a KanFocus subscription renewal proposal from Kevin Yowell; letters from Senator Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations, and Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson, 2010 Commission, requesting approval of meeting days; letters from Senator Owens, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State, regarding LCC Policy 33; a memorandum from Legislative Post Auditor Barb Hinton regarding the funding shortfall for certain audit work; information from Alan Conroy, Director of Legislative Research, concerning the number of meeting days in 2007, 2008 and 2009 for joint committees, special committees, task forces and standing committees; an LCC Policy 42 memorandum on outside employment from Revisor Mary Torrence; a court case update from the Office of Revisor of Statutes; and LCC Policy 20 meeting authorizations from Speaker O'Neal.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Mary Ann Torrence,
Revisor of Statutes,
as Secretary

Approved by



Speaker Michael O'Neal, Chairperson