

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

November 7, 2012
Room 152-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Jay Scott Emler, Chairperson
Representative Mario Goico, Vice-chairperson
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Senator Allen Schmidt
Representative Stan Frownfelter
Representative Judith Loganbill
Representative Peggy Mast
Representative Connie O'Brien

Member Absent

Senator Anthony Hensley

Staff Present

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Chuck Reimer, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt
Major John Eichkorn, Kansas Highway Patrol
Jeremy Jackson, Director, Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center

Others Present

Conferee assistants

Chairperson Emler opened the meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security at 10:15 a.m. He noted the main purpose of this interim meeting was to gather and consider all details on security at the Capitol Complex and the Fusion Center.

Staff review of Committee charge

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD), reviewed the charge to the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and provided copies of current laws: KSA 75-4319,

Closed or executive meetings, and KSA 46-3301, Joint Committee on Kansas Security ([Attachment 1](#)).

Department of Homeland Security Capitol Complex Security Vulnerability Assessment

Moved by Representative Frownfelter: "I move that the open meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security in Room 152-S of the Statehouse be recessed for a closed, executive meeting to commence immediately in Room 152-S of the Statehouse pursuant to Joint Rule 5 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and subsection (b) (13) of KSA 2012 Supp. 75-4319, for the purpose of consulting with Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and Major John Eichkorn of the Kansas Highway Patrol regarding security measures relating to the Department of Homeland Security Capitol Complex Security Vulnerability Assessment, which matters, if discussed at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures, that the Joint Committee on Kansas Security resume the open meeting in this room, Room 152-S of the Statehouse, at 11:15 a.m., and that this motion, if adopted, be recorded in the minutes of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Committee." Seconded by Representative Goico. Motion carried. Adopted at 10:30 a.m., November 7, 2012.

Chairperson Emler opened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and announced more time was needed for the closed, executive session to discuss measures relating to the Department of Homeland Security Capitol Complex Security Vulnerability Assessment.

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Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center

The Committee returned to open session at 11:45. Chairperson Emler requested a motion for an executive session to discuss matters relating relating to the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center.

Moved by Representative Frownfelter: "I move that the open meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security in Room 152-S of the Statehouse be recessed for a closed, executive meeting to commence immediately in Room 152-S of the Statehouse pursuant to Joint Rule 5 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and subsection (b) (13) of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-4319, for the purpose of consulting with Jeremy Jackson, Director of the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center, regarding security measures relating to the Kansas

Intelligence Fusion Center, which matters, if discussed at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures, that the Joint Committee on Kansas Security resume the open meeting in this room, Room 152-S of the Statehouse, at 12:30 p.m., and that this motion, if adopted, be recorded in the minutes of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Committee.” Seconded by Representative Goico. Motion carried. Adopted at 11:50 a.m., November 7, 2012.

Committee Discussion

Recommendations for Report to 2013 Legislature

Chairperson Emler opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. for discussion and recommendations to be included in the Committee report.

Representative Goico expressed his concern regarding accounting for moneys donated to benefit veterans. Chairperson Emler stated an audit is needed to cover this issue only. It was decided to request such an audit from the Legislative Division of Post Audit.

Chairperson Emler suggested legislation be introduced to authorize the Attorney General to make the final decision on security in the Memorial Hall.

Representative Mast moved to introduce a bill to authorize the Attorney General to make the final decision on security in the Memorial Hall. Representative Frownfelter seconded the motion. Additional discussion followed.

Senator McGinn moved to request the Department of Administration report to the Joint Committee on Kansas Security by December 1, 2012, as to how the Department handles security on all the Capitol Complex buildings, to ask the Kansas Highway Patrol to work with the Department on an approach to security in the Capitol Complex, and to have the Chairperson send a letter to the Attorney General requesting cooperation to determine the necessary steps to bring the Memorial Building's security in line with Statehouse standards as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Representative Loganbill. The motion carried.

The Chairperson requested the Highway Patrol determine general security measures in place at other states' buildings near their statehouses and plan to report back to the Committee in January. Major Eichkorn stated that could be done.

Representative Mast moved to recommend high priority be given to funding adequate security measures for the Capitol Complex, to implement those measures as quickly as possible, and to notify the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Ways and Means Committee of this recommendation. Representative O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Prepared by Ann McMorris
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Approved by the Committee on:

December 17, 2012

(Date)