

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:08 a.m. on January 20, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused
Representative Owen Donohoe- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer - excused
Representative Jason Watkins excused

Committee staff present:

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Christina Butler, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kelly Cure, Chief of Staff
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chair Yoder welcomed Committee members and stated that due to Inauguration events scheduled for today some Committee members will not be in attendance. Chair Yoder reminded Committee members that the Appropriations 101 briefing is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. today in Room 143-N.

- Attachment 1 Kansas Department on Aging FY 2009 and FY 2010 Budget Recommendation
- Attachment 2 Kansas Board of Regents FY 2009 and FY 2010 Budget Briefing

Kathy Greenlee, Secretary of Kansas Department on Aging, presented an agency overview and the impact of the FY 2009 Governor's Budget Recommendations (Attachment 1). The September FY 2009 budget reflects a 2% reduction or \$912,703 from State General Fund (SGF) as a result of reducing the Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). An additional 1% reduction or \$450,000 from the SGF was requested by the Governor, which resulted in additional reductions for services to the elderly. The September FY 2008 agency budget was \$1,905,443. 92.2 percent of this budget funds Nursing Home programs and Medicaid HCBS-FE waiver, case management and administration. The remaining budget includes net Non-Medicaid and core functions in the amount of \$6,404,167.

Secretary Greenlee responded to questions from Committee members. She discussed nursing home costs, community based programs, the increased need for elderly services, state surveys and staffing issues.

Reginald Robinson, President and CEO of Kansas Board of Regents, presented an agency overview and the Governor's Budget Recommendations FY 2009 (Attachment 2). The agency budget cuts for higher education systems for FY 2009 were projected at 3 percent or \$24.3 million for FY 2009, and an additional 4 percent or \$90.1 million reduction in FY 2010. The overall state reductions total \$120 million which includes a reduction of \$16 million for capital expenditures. Reference was made to the resident tuition rates for academic years FY 2003 through FY 2008. Secretary Robinson discussed the Federal Stimulus Proposal, which he noted is currently being developed and soon to be worked in Washington. The proposal contains rehabilitation and repair of the higher level of education infrastructure. "Shovel Ready" projects include modernizing, renovating and repairs to facilities. The agency has been working with institutional leaders to develop a comprehensive list of projects. The other key component of the stimulus proposal includes increasing PELL grant funding.

Secretary Robinson responded to questions from Committee members as related to the tuition process; spending reductions for FY 2010, which are 7 percent under what the Governor appropriated in FY 2009;

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the impact to Community of Colleges; staffing issues; medical programs and funding sources; self-supporting programs; appeals and the criteria for proposed budget cuts. Secretary Robinson reviewed the Governor's \$13.7 ending balance that may be re-appropriated to the SGF as a one-time allocation, and the agency's operating expenses.

- The following information was requested:
 - 1) Chart showing actual dollar amount in SGF expenditures
 - 2) Printout showing exact dollar amount of cuts for FY 2009, as opposed to percent
 - 3) Amount of money received from athletic programs in Community Colleges
 - 5) Comparison with other institutions purchasing prices with University of Kansas and Ft. Hayes

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Chair, Kevin Yoder