

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

September 17, 2007

Members present:

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

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 10:05 a.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Speaker Neufeld moved that the minutes of the July 6, 2007, meeting and the corrected minutes of the May 22, 2007, meeting be approved. Representative Dahl seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Speaker Neufeld reported to the Council the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommends that:

1. The following general instructions govern preparation of the requested revised fiscal year 2008 budget and the requested fiscal year 2009 budgets for legislative staff agencies and the legislature: Consistent with the Governor's direction to the executive branch agencies, no step movement or base salary increases will be included in the budget request for employees; the budget request will include longevity bonus increases for those eligible employees and fringe benefit rate adjustments, legislator compensation and non-session expense amounts will be budgeted at the current temporary rate, rather than the lower statutory rate; funding would be requested for the necessary adjustments for the legislative computerization project; and requested budgets will be presented to the Council for its approval or modification at the Council's October 10 meeting.
2. The year 2008 session employee assignment and pay policy, including longevity and multiple-legislator assignment bonuses, be approved as presented by Mr. Russell.

3. The 2007 price for the document mailing packet service (calendars, journals, bills and supplemental notes) be charged for the 2008 legislative session.
4. The recommended publication pricing as contained in the memorandum provided by Mr. Russell for the 2008 editions of Summary of Legislation and Legislative Highlights be approved.
5. The charge for each volume of the Senate and House Journals be fixed at \$40 plus tax and handling per volume, the charge per set for the Senate and House Journals be fixed at \$80 plus tax and handling per set and 265 sets of Senate and House Journals be printed, as recommended by Janet Jones, Chief Clerk of the House, and Pat Saville, Secretary of the Senate.
6. A Special Committee on Gaming Oversight be established as follows:  
Membership: Six members (three from the House, two majority party members and one minority party member, and three from the Senate, two majority party members and one minority party member)  
Chairperson: Senator  
Meeting Days: 2 days  
Topic: Review the activities of state agencies as the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act (2007 SB 66) is implemented. Specifically, monitor the efforts of the Kansas Lottery and the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission to carry out the provisions of the Act. Determine if the implementing agencies have the necessary resources of revenues, expenditures, and staffing to effectively and timely carry out the provisions of the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act. Review the current temporary rules and regulations process of the Kansas Lottery and determine if the agency should have permanent rules and regulations.
7. The Joint Committee on State Building Construction be authorized three additional meeting days during the 2007 interim; the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State be authorized to travel for a one-day tour of the El Dorado Correctional Facility on one of the committee's previously authorized meeting days; and the Legislative Budget Committee be authorized to travel two days of travel, one day to eastern and southeastern Kansas locations to view and discuss flood damaged areas and one day to meet in Wichita to tour the University of Kansas School of Medicine Wichita Branch and receive and update on affiliation and other matters regarding the Kansas University Hospital.
8. The appointment of Ron Chandler, P.E., R.L.S., retired from Wilson & Company, consulting engineers, Salina, KS, as a member of the Capitol Restoration Commission be approved.
9. Legislative Coordinating Council Policy No. 55 be amended as follows:  
Policy 55. Capitol Restoration Commission. (a) For the purpose of advising the Legislative Coordinating Council concerning

matters relating to the Capitol, the Capitol Restoration Commission (CRC) is hereby established. The Capitol Restoration Commission shall be composed of **members as prescribed by this policy. Except as otherwise provided by this policy, the CRC shall have** 16 members as follows: Each member of the Legislative Coordinating Council or a designee of such member; the chairperson, vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction; the chairperson and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; the chairperson and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means of the Senate; the state treasurer and the secretary of administration or the designee of the secretary. If any legislator member of the Capitol Restoration Commission, other than a Legislative Coordinating Council member, declines to serve on the Commission, such member shall be replaced as a member of the Commission by appointment by the president of the senate if the member to be replaced is a member of the majority party of the senate, by the speaker of the house of representatives if the member to be replaced is a member of the majority party of the house of representatives, by the minority leader of the senate if the member to be replaced is a member of the minority party of the senate or by the minority leader of the house of representatives if the member to be replaced is a member of the minority party of the house of representatives. The chairperson of the Legislative Coordinating Council shall be chairperson of the CRC, and the vice-chairperson of the Legislative Coordinating Council shall be vice-chairperson of the CRC.

(b) The CRC shall be staffed by the Capitol architect, the director of the division of facilities management, or a designee of the director, the division of legislative administrative services, the legislative research department and such other persons as the Legislative Coordinating Council may specify. The secretary of the state historical society shall act as advisory staff to the CRC upon call of the CRC.

(c) The CRC may meet upon the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the CRC. The CRC shall advise the Legislative Coordinating Council on matters relating to the restoration, renovation, physical organization and use of the Capitol and grounds and such other matters relating to the Capitol as the CRC deems appropriate.

**(d) In addition, the CRC shall have three non-legislator members appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Council who have expertise and professional background in industry, building trades and technical professions. Members of the CRC appointed in accordance with this subsection shall receive subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses for**

expenses incurred for attendance at CRC meetings, or a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the CRC, as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, for members of the legislature, and in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts.

10. The legislature's contract with the Information Network of Kansas (INK), including the proposed amendments, be approved and the chairperson of the Legislative Coordinating Council be authorized to sign the contract and the contract of the Revisor of Statutes with INK be approved for renewal and the Revisor of Statutes be authorized to sign the contract.
11. The legislature's contract with the Hay Consulting Group for Phase III, including the review of fringe benefits, preparation of pay plan recommendations and related matters to assist the State Employee Compensation Oversight Commission, be approved and the chairperson of the Legislative Coordinating Council be authorized to sign the contract.
12. The legislature's contract for an actuarial audit of the services provided by the KPERS actuary and the various work products provided by the actuary for KPERS, be approved to be entered into with Buck Consultants as recommended by the negotiating committee of the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits, including provisions for more comprehensive work if further auditing is determined to be advisable, and the chairperson of the Legislative Coordinating Council be authorized to sign the contract.
13. The Project B Contract with International Roll Call Corporation for the House vote management system and page control system, including equipment, installation and software, and also including related equipment and software updates and services for the Senate vote management system, be approved to be entered into as recommended by Mr. Heiman and the chairperson of the Legislative Coordinating Council be authorized to sign the contract.
14. The topic of mine subsidence insurance be added as the third study topic assigned to the Special Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance, as follows:  
Review the availability and affordability of mine subsidence coverage in the private market for Kansas consumers and businesses. Study the impact on financial institutions as a result of loans on lands with affected structures as a result of mine subsidence. Examine the level of coverage which should be provided and whether that coverage should be optional or mandatory. Study 2007 House Bill No. 2099 and 2007 Senate Bill No. 127, both of which relate to mine subsidence insurance.

The subcommittee also considered a request by the Joint Committee on Information Technology for an additional meeting day to hold a two-hour meeting with the Information Technology Executive Council via video conference. The consensus of the subcommittee was that

the request raises issues requiring a comprehensive policy review which the subcommittee declined to undertake at this time. Therefore the subcommittee did not recommend granting the request for an additional meeting day and compensation for attendance by video conference.

In addition to the subcommittee recommendations, Speaker Neufeld reported that the subcommittee received an update from Ms. Torrence regarding renegotiation of the contract under which the Revisor provides Thompson West the statute database. The Council will receive further updates as negotiations proceed.

Speaker Neufeld moved that the recommendations of the subcommittee be approved. Senator Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### TRAVEL APPROVAL

The Council considered requests presented by Mr. Russell for approval of out-of-state official travel to attend the NCSL Fall Forum and the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Legislative Conference of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. Representative McKinney moved that two members from each house designated by the Speaker and the President, in consultation with minority leaders, be authorized to attend the National Black Caucus of State Legislators 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Legislative Conference in Little Rock, AR, December 12 through 16, 2007, and that additional requests to attend this meeting be considered under LCC Policy 1; and that delegates, or the alternates of the delegates unable to attend, be authorized to attend the NCSL Standing Committees Fall Forum in Phoenix, AZ, November 28 through 30, 2007. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Representative Dahl distributed copies of proposed changes to LCC Policy 37 concerning the Legislative Intern Program and briefly described the changes he is proposing to be considered by the Council at the next meeting.

President Morris announced future Council meeting dates of October 10 and December 5. He noted that the proposed meeting date of November 2 had conflicts and that members would be notified of the November meeting date when it is available.

Prior to the meeting members of the Council received notice of the LCC meeting; notice of the Subcommittee on Administration meeting; a draft copy of the July 6, 2007, Legislative Coordinating Council meeting minutes; a memorandum from Jeff Russell concerning travel approval; Policy 4 reports from Mary Ann Torrence, Alan

Conroy and Jeff Russell for out-of-state travel for FY 2007 [please note out-of-state travel by staff in the Revisor of Statutes Office was incorrectly cited as FY2006]; a memorandum from Alan Conroy concerning direction to staff for budget preparation; a memorandum from Jeff Russell providing the 2008 session employee pay schedule; a memorandum from Jeff Russell on the 2007 session year document service report; a memorandum from Jeff Russell on publication pricing; a memorandum from Janet Jones and Pat Saville concerning the cost of printing the 2006 House and Senate Journals; a letter from Representative Schwartz requesting consideration of establishing a special committee to provide legislative oversight of expanded gaming in Kansas; a letter from Representative Humerickhouse, Chairperson, Joint Committee on State Building Construction requesting three additional meeting days; a letter from Representative McLeland, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Information Technology concerning a teleconference meeting; a letter from Representative Huebert requesting a one-day tour of the El Dorado Correctional Facility; a letter from Representative Schwartz, Chairperson, Legislative Budget Committee, requesting the committee to travel out of Topeka; proposed amendments to Policy 55; a memorandum from Janet Jones concerning renewal of the INK contract; and Policy 1 travel authorizations from President Morris and Speaker Neufeld.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by  
Mary Ann Torrence,  
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as Secretary

Approved by

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President Stephen Morris, Chairperson