

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:00 a.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Henry- excused
Representative Tafanelli - excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on State Historical Society, Kansas Arts Commission, State Library, School for the Deaf, School for the Blind
- Attachment 2 Kansas State School for the Deaf - Students Served by County
- Attachment 3 Kansas State School for the Blind - Students Served by County
- Attachment 4 Steps to Resolve Budget Gap
- Attachment 5 State General Fund Expenditure Reductions
- Attachment 6 Preliminary Conference Agreement Stimulus Allocations

Chairman Yoder welcomed Committee members and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Representative McLeland, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Kansas State Historical Society Budget Committee Report for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments and notations: moratoriums on Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability; replace steam humidification system review at Omnibus; and encourage the State Historical Society to develop partnerships.

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the Kansas State Historical Society Budget Committee Report for FY 2010. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Craft, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Kansas Arts Commission FY 2010 House Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustment: moratoriums on Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability.

Representative Craft made a motion to approve the Kansas Arts Commission FY 2010 Budget Committee Report for FY 2010. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Representative Watkins made an amendment to the motion to delete the Governor's SGF recommendation by \$27,310. The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes. Motion carried.

Representative Craft renewed the motion with the amendment. Motion carried.

Representative Lane, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Kansas State Library FY 2010 Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments: moratoriums on Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability, and the consideration of the transfer of the Homework Kansas program to the Department of Education.

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Representative Lane made a motion to approve the Kansas Arts Commission Budget FY 2010. The motion was seconded by Representative Craft.

Discussion followed by Committee members regarding the HomeworkKansas program.

Mark Galbrith, Deputy Secretary, Kansas State Library, discussed the after school program for students.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion to strike the language in number 3, which states that the Budget Committee recommends the transfer of the HomeworkKansas program, currently at the State Library, to the Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin.

Discussion by Committee members followed.

Representative Feuerborn renewed the motion with amendments to strike the language in number 3. Motion carried.

Representative Lane renewed the motion to approve the FY 2010 State Library Budget Committee Report. Motion carried

Representative Lane, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the School for the Deaf FY 2010 House Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments: moratoriums on the Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability; review renovations and repairs at Omnibus; and staff vacancies.

The Kansas State School for the Deaf Number of Students Served by County was distributed, (Attachment 2).

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the FY 2010 School for the Deaf Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Robert Maile, Superintendent, of the School for the Deaf, responded to questions from Committee members regarding staff vacancies and students using special aides.

- Information Requested
 - List of staff vacancies and how long they have been vacant

Representative McLeland renewed the motion to approve the FY 2010 House Budget Education Budget Committee Report for the School for the Deaf. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the FY 2010 House Budget Committee Report for the School for the Blind, (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments: moratoriums on the Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability and a review at Omnibus for replacement and repairs for three buildings.

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the FY 2010 House Education Budget Committee Report for the School for the Blind. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Representative McLeland responded to Committee questions regarding the State Institution Building Fund and continued operations.

The Kansas State School for the Blind Number of Students Served by County was distributed (Attachment 3).

Representative McLeland renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report for the School for the Blind. Motion carried.

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Duane Goossen, Secretary, Department of Administration, presented an overview of the Steps to Resolve Budget Gap, ([Attachment 4](#)) and the SGF Expenditure Reductions FY 2009 and FY 2010, ([Attachment 5](#)).

Secretary Goossen responded to questions from Committee members in regards to a one-time only budget cuts, which included the moratoriums. The Employee Health Insurance Fund and four months of the KPERs Death and Disability was moved from the FY 2010 budget to the FY 2009 budget, The remaining 5 months of the KPERs Death and Disability funds are assumed to be applied to the FY 2010 budget, upon Legislative approval. The estimated \$400 million recommendations in spending reductions for FY 2010 was discussed by Committee members. This amount reflects a 7 percent reduction from what was approved for FY 2009 budget and an additional 1 percent reduction for salary increases that would be absorbed within agency budgets. Secretary Goossen noted that the ending balance for FY 2009 will be determined when revenues have been received at the end of the fiscal year. Increased spending recommendations, transfer fees and subsidized funds were reviewed. Protecting what has already been approved, in order to balance the FY 2010 budget, was emphasized.

- Information Requested

- Detailed budget information with revenues

Secretary Goossen responded to questions from Committee members regarding the Governor's position for further reductions if the revenues fall shorter than projected. He stated several factors will need to be considered including the ending revenue balance and the impact of the proposed federal stimulus bill. The budget gap between revenues and expenditures that were carried over set a base for the FY 2010 budget.

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of the Preliminary Stimulus Allocations ([Attachment 6](#)). The conditions and requirements will be provided as soon as it is made available.

Chairman Yoder invited Alan Conroy to the next Committee meeting for the purpose of answering additional questions and providing updated information if available.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Kevin Yoder, Chairman