

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Kathy Holscher, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
David Fye, Legislative Research Department
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Joint Meeting with Senate Ways and Means Committee

Senator Masterson, Chairman, Senate Ways and Means Committee, called the joint meeting of Senate Ways and Means and Appropriations Committee meeting to order. An introduction of Shawn Sullivan followed.

Shawn Sullivan, Director of Budget and Business Processes, State of Kansas, presented the Governor's Budget Report ([Attachment 1](#)). He noted that volume 1 and volume 2 of the report is on the legislative website. An in-depth review of the contents of the report included: revenue and expenditure trends; State General Fund (SGF) compound annual growth rate; consensus revenue estimates; fiscal year-to-date revenue report; SGF outlook and comparison; revenue adjustments; where state dollars come from and go by function; major categories of state aid for K-12 Education; medicaid expenditures; Children's Initiatives Fund; contributions to KPERS; KDOT; and other key issues.

Mr. Sullivan responded to questions from committee members. Discussion was held regarding the consensus revenue estimating reporting process. An overview of the composition of the board and data collection process followed. He noted that each board member brings their own area of expertise and recommendations based on budgetary information received from the Kansas Department of Revenue. Recent estimates have missed the mark, therefore, additional expertise for more reliable revenue estimating may be needed. Additional areas of discussion included Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, Osawatimie State Hospital and the Kansas Bioscience Authority. It was noted that it was too

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early to know what the budget impact would be with issues concerning the Osawatomie State Hospital. The state chose not to expand Medicaid, as indicators did not reflect a good monetary and fiscal outcome at this time, he noted. As requested, historical information on the state's investment in the Kansas Boiscience Authority (KBA) will be provided. Concern was expressed for the loss of funds allocated to the KBA if privatized. Acknowledgement of Alvarez and Marsal's efficiency study followed.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:02 a.m.

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