

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Mason at 1:30 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mark Hutton – Excused  
Representative Stan Frownfelter – Excused  
Representative Marvin Kleebe – Excused  
Representative Annie Tietze – Excused  
Representative Brandon Whipple – Excused  
Representative J. Basil-Dannebohm – Excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department  
Linda Herrick, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Duane Cantrell, CEO, Kansas Bioscience Authority

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Opening of Meeting**

Vice Chairperson Les Mason called the meeting to order.

**Presentation on:**

**Kansas Bioscience Authority - Update**

Mr. Duane Cantrell gave a presentation ([Attachment 1](#)) on the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA). He said he wished to share the positive impact the KBA has had on the State of Kansas. KBA was created by the 2004 Kansas Economic Growth Act for the purpose of advancing Kansas to be a global destination for bioscience innovation, commercialization, growth and economic development.

Mr. Cantrell noted Kansas has strengths in key bioscience sectors: agribusiness, animal health and human health. Recently, KBA shifted to a market-based, sustainable financial model through investment strategy (versus grants) with matching private capital invested in the state.

Mr. Cantrell reviewed KBA's major achievements in 2014 which included attracting capital to Kansas in the amount of \$95.5 million.

**Possible bill introductions**

Vice Chairperson Mason asked if there were any bills to be introduced. There were none.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at 1:30 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Committee meeting is Monday, January 26.