

MINUTES of the JOINT HOUSE and SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dennis Hedke – Excused  
Representative Marc Rhoades – Absent

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department  
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department  
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Larry Isaak, President, Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC)  
John Federico, Federico Consulting  
Ryan Harkins, Director, State Affairs and Public Policy, Microsoft Corporation

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Possible bill introductions**

Chairman Highland called the meeting to order. Both chairmen announced a change in time to 2:00 p.m. for the January 21st meetings of their respective committees.

Chairman Highland asked for bill introductions from House committee members; there were none.

Chairman Abrams asked for bill introductions from Senate committee members; there were none.

**Presentation on Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)**

Chairman Highland invited Kansas commissioner and Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Vice-Chairman Dick Short of Goodland to introduce MHEC President Larry Isaak. President Isaak provided members with an update on Kansas participation in MHEC and answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#)) Two documents referenced in comments made by President Isaak may be viewed by searching for them in the MHEC website, [www.mhec.org](http://www.mhec.org):

- Annual Report to the Member States 2014-2015
- Higher Education in Focus: Selected Performance Indicators for Kansas 2014-15.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in Room 112-N of the Capitol.

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### **Presentation by Microsoft Corporation**

Chairman Abrams invited John Federico to address the committees. Mr. Federico introduced guests from Microsoft Corporation and then provided a brief explanation of the student data privacy pledge. [\(Attachment 5\)](#) [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

Ryan Harkins gave detailed information on the part played by Microsoft Corporation in the development of the student data privacy pledge. [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

The joint committees adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on January 21, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.