

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

May 19, 2015
Room 218-N—Statehouse

Members Present

Representative Brett Hildabrand, Chairperson
Senator Mike Petersen, Vice-chairperson
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Tom Holland
Representative J. R. Claeys
Representative Keith Esau
Representative John Wilson

Members Absent

Senator Garrett Love
Senator Jeff Melcher
Representative Brandon Whipple

Staff Present

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Natalie Nelson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Jim Clark, Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration and acting Executive Chief
Information Technology Officer
Terri Clark, Director of Technical Services, Legislative Office of Information Services
Alan Weis, Director of Application Services, Legislative Office of Information Services
Kelly O'Brien, Judicial Chief Information Technology Officer, Office of Judicial Administration

Others Attending

[See attached sheet.](#)

Chairperson Hildabrand called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

*Representative Esau made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2015.
Seconded by Senator Petersen. The motion carried.*

Jim Clark, Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration (DofA) and Acting Executive Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO), reviewed the most recent agency quarterly project reports and commented on the Committee's previous questions regarding promoting agency efficiencies and economies of scale ([Attachments 1](#)).

Mr. Clark reported agencies have 16 active Information Technology (IT) projects totaling \$86.9 million, and that 12 projects are managed by Certified Project Managers. He listed new planned projects, new active projects, and new approved projects. He noted the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Kansas Eligibility and Enforcement System (KEES) Project will go live with Phase 2 on June 30, 2015, and Phase 3 is scheduled for completion in March 2016. He briefly noted those projects on Alert status, including KDHE's Medicaid Information Technology Architecture and the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) upgrade ([Attachment 2](#)).

Mr. Clark cited several initiatives that will increase the efficiencies in Executive Branch agencies:

- The statewide consolidation of e-mail, as well as statewide information storage by utilizing virtual or cloud computing, a process which provides varied services without relying on localized hardware or software; the initiative is anticipated to save \$1.5 million annually. The virtual environment will be housed at the Topeka National Guard Armory, a secure location at about half the cost of present storage facilities in the Landon and Eisenhower State Office buildings.
- Establishing statewide purchase of software, especially from Microsoft and Oracle, will provide flexibility as well as cost savings for agencies.

Mr. Clark commented on the wireless project for the Statehouse has been completed and the older system has been removed. The Office of Information Technology Services is presently debugging the new system, which offers more comprehensive and seamless coverage.

Mr. Clark responded to several questions from members:

- When the KEES Project goes live in June, some of the access problems, such as being responsive only to those who use Microsoft Internet Explorer, will be resolved.
- Access to KEES and other state websites by mobile devices is inadequate; the problems are currently being addressed.
- Outsourcing Cloud access is feasible, but far more expensive than creating a State Cloud; the variety of agency systems and the complexity of agency requirements make outsourcing to a private contractor prohibitively expensive.
- The plan for a one-stop access to state government is being developed through a strategic initiative of the Information Network of Kansas; a federated ID will provide a single interface by which a user can connect with any state agency. The requirements of each agency are too disparate to move seamlessly from agency to agency.

Terri Clark, Director of Technical Services, Legislative Office of Information Services, responding to previous questions by the Committee, outlined two cost-savings or efficiency initiatives ([Attachment 3](#)):

- Most software purchases are made through pricing negotiations between SHI International and the DofA to achieve significant savings. Hardware purchases use a Request for Proposal through the DofA's Master Contract procedure.
- New service-desk software has assisted the Help Desk staff to clear nearly all service requests within 15 minutes.

Alan Weis, Director of Application Services, Legislative Office of Information Services, reviewed the production events provided by Kansas Legislative Information Systems and Services (KLISS). He noted the application updates continued through the 2015 Legislative Session; the updates were often identified and recommended by staff ([Attachment 4](#)). Responding to a question, Mr. Weis and Ms. Clark stated, legislators' laptops which were scheduled to be replaced, may be delayed one year to be able to upgrade to Windows 10 (due for release in October).

Kelly O'Brien, Judicial Chief Information Technology Officer, Office of Judicial Administration, outlined current and future IT initiatives ([Attachment 5](#)). He commented the current statewide implementation of electronic filing continues in the district courts; presently 40 district courts representing 15 judicial districts are using the e-filing system. The system also is being deployed in the appellate courts.

Mr. O'Brien reported on the project mandated by House Sub. for SB 6 in 2011 to consolidate reporting of driving under the influence dispositions. Working with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the court created the Report and Police Impaired Drivers (RAPID) system, which provides timely data for officers in the field as well as statewide consolidated records information.

Mr. O'Brien commented on the branch's move from a paper-based system to an electronic-based system, an initiative that will provide judges, attorneys, and litigants immediate access to authorized case information. The eCourt will supplement, not replace, in-person services at the local court houses. Mr. O'Brien described how the initiative will enhance various services of the court.

Regarding efficiencies, Mr. O'Brien commented the proposed electronic systems will not reduce personnel, but will produce savings in records storage and postage.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. No future meeting was scheduled.

Prepared by Gary Deeter
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Approved by the Committee on:

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(Date)