

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
Debbie Bartuccio, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Stan Ahlerich, Executive Director, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors
Art Hall, Phd in Economics, Director, Center for Applied Economics, KU School of Business

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairperson Lynn announced Senator Melcher would be Chairman of the Subcommittee on **SB 84 - Cities; rehabilitation of abandoned property; definitions, other.** She stated she also appointed Senator Faust-Goudeau and Senator Longbine to the Subcommittee.

Chairperson Lynn referred Committee members to a report prepared by Brett Flachsbarth, Director of Unemployment Insurance, entitled "Annual Report to the Standing Committee on Commerce of the Senate on Investigations on Misclassification of Employees". Chairperson Lynn requested Committee members to let her know if there was an interest in requesting Mr. Flachsbarth to attend a Committee meeting to review the information in the report. ([Attachment 1](#))

Presentation on:

Chairperson Lynn recognized Stan Ahlerich, Executive Director, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, who then introduced Art Hall, Phd in Economics, Director, Center for Applied Economics, KU School of Business. Dr. Hall proceeded to review the report "Understanding the Kansas Business Sectors: Past and Present". ([Attachment 2](#))

The presentation included charts covering the following information:

- Kansas Counties that Increased their Share of State Population in each period: 1950-2010, 1990-2010, 2000-2010
- 2013 Shares of Kansas GDP
- 2013 Shares of Kansas Employment

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting
- Mining (Oil, Gas and Other)
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale and Retail Trade
- Services
- Government (including Military)
- Tax Contribution of Industry Sectors
- Hypothetical Change in Property Tax Liability: 2014 Current Law vs 2014 Appraised Values
- An Analysis of Kansas "Gazelles"
- Tracking Kansas "Gazelles": 1990-2012 (Number of Gazelles/Job Gains from Gazelles)

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Chairperson Lynn adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015.