

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley – Excused

Committee staff present:

Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department

Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department

Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jim Miller, Office of Information Technology

Jason Long, Staff Revisor

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairperson Abrams welcomed committee members and guests to the first Senate Education Committee meeting for 2016. He asked each of the members and staff if they would introduce themselves. He then instructed members to take note of updated committee documents for 2016.

Possible bill introductions

Chairperson Abrams asked if there were any new bills to be introduced to the Committee. There were none.

Presentation on:

Chairperson Abrams invited Jim Miller to make a presentation on Dropbox. The presentation included information on how individuals can share files across multiple devices, and the process by which the committee assistant provides committee members and the public with access to shared files.

[\(Attachment 1\)](#)

Questions followed concerning how documents are updated in dropbox, whether old versions of documents are retained, and whether personal comments on dropbox would constitute a violation of the Kansas Open Records Act.

Presentation on:

Chairperson Abrams then called Revisor Long to the podium for a presentation involving a brief overview of the Use of Dropbox and Possible Best Practices. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Revisor Long emphasized that all communication among committee members is to be inside the committee, therefore, dropbox comments should not be used. Documents should be in pdf format so they cannot be revised by committee members. New committee documents will be posted as they become available and the latest version of the documents will be provided. He also recommended that a small number of paper documents be provided at meetings for those without access to electronic devices.

He also recommended that it would be advisable for minutes to be reviewed and approved at committee meetings rather than electronically. He further recommended periodic KORA and KOMA reminders be sent to keep the topic before committee members.

He reminded members that dropbox is a gap filler accommodation that is fairly new and the Revisor is still reviewing issues connected with this technology. Any further updates will be provided to committee members. The Legislative website will be set up with dropbox in the near future so that all interested parties can have access to Education Committee information.

Chairperson Abrams thanked the conferees for their informative presentations. He then suggested that if members do not wish to view documents electronically at meetings, they can have their office assistants print the documents from dropbox and those copies can still be brought to committee meetings.

He then reminded committee members that on Wednesday, January 13, Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of the Kansas State Department of Education, will make a presentation and on Thursday, January 14, Jim Porter, Chairperson of the ESI Task Force, will present that Committee's report. Both of those meetings will be joint meetings with the House Education Committee and will be held in Room 112-N. He also reminded members there will be no meeting on Friday, January 15, 2016.

Chairperson Abrams then opened the floor to further questions from committee members, which included clarifications on committee documents.

With no further questions or business before the Committee, Chairperson Abrams adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be a Joint Meeting with the House Education Committee on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Room 112-N of the Capitol.