

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mitch Holmes at 9:35am on Thursday, March 12, 2015, 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Darla Conner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Carol Williams, Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Senator Wolf introduced Tiffany Carroll of Fairfield High School. Tiffany would be shadowing the Senator for the day. Senator Love introduced Taylor Williamson from Sublette as his shadow.

Hearing on: HB2183 — Political campaigns and use of technology.

Chairman Holmes opened the hearing on **HB2183**.

Carol Williams, Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, appeared before the committee in a neutral position on **HB2183**. ([Attachment 1](#)) This bill amends three provisions in the Campaign Finance Act to address the use of social media in politics. Section 1 of the bill is amended to allow a general public solicitation for campaign contributions during session not targeted toward a specific individual when using social media. Section 2 provides new language permitting a Twitter communication to be tweeted without the required "paid for by" attribution statement on the tweet. And section 3 addresses the use of any wifi network provided by the state of Kansas or any municipality by a candidate or elected official. Executive Director Williams stood for questions from the committee.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB2183** closed.

The next meeting will be March 18, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.