

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Longbine at 9:30 am on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Ellen Martinez, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Melissa Calderwood-Renick, Legislative Research Department  
Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department  
Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Josh Ney, Office of the Securities Commissioner

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Bill introductions**

There were no bill introductions.

### **Agency overview, Kansas Office of the Securities Commissioner**

Commissioner Ney explained that the mission of the Kansas Securities Commissioner (KSC) is to protect and inform Kansas investors, to promote integrity, fairness and full disclosure in financial services, and to foster capital formation.

Kansas was the first state to pass a law regulating the sale of investments as an effort to prevent the sale of securities by promoters who promised rain, but delivered only "blue sky". The KSC is an independent state agency funded entirely by industry fees.

The KSC and staff administer the Kansas Uniform Securities act and the Kansas Loan Brokers Act. The Commissioner enforces these laws through administrative, civil and criminal proceedings.

Registrations Services provided by the KSC make sure that Kansans are treated fairly and fully informed about investments and loan broker services. Brokerage firms and the agents who work for them, as well as Investment Advisory firms and their representatives must register with the Securities Commissioner before engaging in business in Kansas or soliciting investments from Kansas residents. The Commission's staff has the authority to examine the books and records of any registrant.

Attorneys for the agency represent the agency in administrative and civil proceedings and represent the State in criminal prosecutions. Anyone with concerns or questions relating to investments or loan brokering should contact the KSC office in Topeka.

The agency also manages the Investor Education Program to provide Kansans of all ages with the

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance at 9:30 am on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 546-S of the Capitol.

prerequisite information about investing as well as standard practices investors should expect when working with a registered investment adviser or agent of a broker-dealer. The Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner works to foster capital formation by promoting the integrity of capital markets and by consulting with entrepreneurs and the representatives to guide them through the process of legally raising capital in Kansas. ([Attachment 1](#))

There being no further business, Senator Longbine adjourned the meeting at 10:02 AM.