

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 8:30am on Thursday, April 30, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research  
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research  
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research  
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff  
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

David Prentice, PhD, Vice President and Research Director, Charlotte Lozier Institute  
Dana Winegarner, DO, Rowe Neurology Institute  
Buddhadeb Dawn, MD, Director, Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Joint meeting with Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee**

The Joint Meeting of Public Health and Safety and Ways and Means was called to order by Senator Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee. Senator Kelly was excused from the Joint Meeting.

Douglas A Girod, MD, Executive Vice Chancellor, KU Medical Center, gave the welcome and reported to the committees that this meeting was an update and a report of the progress on the field and stem cell therapy center. He introduced Dr David Prentice, Dr Dana Winegarner, and Dr Buddhadeb Dawn, who would each give a report on the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center.

David Prentice, Ph.D, Vice President and Research Director, Charlotte Lozier Institute, Washington DC, said he was a cell and developmental biologist. He said the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center (MSCTC) is an initiative that is unique to Kansas. He reported that using adult stem cells from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, and other tissue sources for treatments continues to be a cutting-edge medical technology. He reported on various diseases where stem cell therapy is being used for treatment of these diseases ([Attachment 1](#)).

Dana Winegarner, D.O., a general clinical neurologist at independently owned Rowe Neurology Institute, Lenexa, Kansas, said MSCTC is developing an education plan for healthcare providers and patients and a website with a perpetually updated, interactive database where patients and doctors can

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find the answer to the question, "Is there a stem cell treatment for (name the disease)," and researchers can find a clearinghouse of stem cell research information ([Attachment 2](#)).

Buddhadeb Dawn, M.D., Maureen and Marvin Dunn Professor, Division of Cardiovascular Diseases; Director, Cardiovascular Research Institute; Director, Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center; Vice Chairman for Research, Department of Medicine, University of Kansas Medical Center, presented an overview, the goals, components and progress report of MSCTC ([Attachment 3](#)). A copy of Dr Dwan's Power Point presentation was distributed to the committees ([Attachment 4](#)).

Senator Masterson asked if the time frame for starting clinical trials was three to five years. Dr Dawn said they planned to start home grown clinical trials in 2016.

Dr Dawn stressed that in their pursuit of patenting their process, there would not be a patent on the cells, but just on the process itself.

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook adjourned the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee meeting at 9:47. Chairperson Masterson recessed the Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting at 9:47 and informed the committee it would reconvene at the usual time of 10:30 am.

Chairperson Masterson reconvened the Ways and Means Committee meeting at 10:30 am.

**Final action on: HB2268 — Authorizing the state historical society to accept certain real property known as the Last Chance Store.**

Senator Denning made a motion to pass **HB2268**, with the second by Senator Kelly and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

**Final action on: HB2395 — State building projects; negotiating committees; alternative procurement.**

Senator Denning made a motion to pass **HB2395**, Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Senator Francisco made a substitute motion to strike the wording on lines 12, 13 and 14 of the bill, and change Line 12 from \$750,000 to \$1 million, and on Line 13 change the amount from \$500,000 to \$675,000. The substitute motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the substitute motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Fitzgerald moved to pass **HB2395** as amended. Senator Francisco seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

**Final action on: SB293 — Land exchange; Pittsburg state university and Pittsburg, Kansas.**

Senator Arpke made a motion, with the second by Senator Kelly to pass **SB293**. The motion carried on a voice vote and the bill was passed.

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2015, at 9:00 am, in Room 3468-S at the Capitol. The next meeting is a joint meeting with the following committees: Senate Ways and Means, House Appropriations, and Joint Pension, Investments and Benefits.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting at 10:47 am.