

Approved: April 5, 1996
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:40 p.m. on March 29, 1996 at the rail on third floor of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Allen called the attention of the committee for approval of the post audit letter, being sent to Senator Oleen and Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor (Attachment 1).

Representative Empson made a motion for approval with a second by Representative Benlon. The motion carried with a quorum present.

Chairperson Allen asked for approval of the minutes of March 25. Representative Empson made a motion to approve the minutes. Representative Benlon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Memorandum

TO: House Economic Development Committee

FROM: Barbara Allen *BA*

DATE: March 28, 1996

RE: Post Audit Request by Economic Development Committee

Attached is a draft letter for a post audit request which the committee voted to make last Monday. Please review the letter and let me know if you have comments.

We will have a meeting at the rail on first adjournment tomorrow, Friday, March 29th, to approve the letter. Thanks for your help!

cc: Lynne Holt
 Bob Nugent

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 Attachment 1*



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March 28, 1996

Senator Lana Oleen
Chairperson, Legislative Post Audit Committee
Room 136-N
Statehouse

Re: Total compensation packages of persons in leadership positions in Kansas economic development agencies; comparison to counterparts in other states.

Dear Senator Oleen:

On behalf of the House Committee on Economic Development, I am requesting the Legislative Post Audit Committee direct the Legislative Division of Post Audit to conduct a study on the salaries and, if applicable, other compensation for the Secretary of Commerce and Housing, the President of Kansas, Inc., and the President of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation. In addition, such study also should examine the compensation for the President of the Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center, the regional directors of the Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center, and the directors of the five University Centers of Excellence.

Questions include the following:

How much is each position paid and from which funding sources?

What benefits and, if applicable, bonuses are included in the compensation packages?

Who determines the total compensation package?

What evaluation criteria are used to determine compensation, and who determines the evaluation criteria?

How frequently is the performance of those positions reviewed?

How do those positions compare, with respect to compensation, to their counterparts in other states?

How do the responsibilities of and the organizational structures associated with those positions resemble or differ from the responsibilities of and organizational structures associated with comparable positions in other states?

Assuming that increased accountability is needed, what recommendations does the Division have for increasing accountability to the Governor and to the Legislature for the methods used to determine compensation of those positions?

With respect to the formulation of a scope statement for the study, the Committee recommends that the Division of Post Audit work with Legislative Research staff, if necessary.

The request for this study is the result of numerous questions that were raised in the House Economic Development committee and in the full House of Representatives regarding the total compensation package of the President of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation. The deliberations specifically concerned HB 3068. However, the questions posed above appear to be relevant to all the leadership positions in economic development agencies and their subsidiaries, and should be instructive to the standing legislative appropriations and economic development committees in formulating economic development policies in the future.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara P. Allen
Representative, District 21