

Approved: January 28, 2009

Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 3:30 p.m. on January 20, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused

Representative Melody McCray-Miller- excused

Committee staff present:

Gary Deeter, Administrative Assistant

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chair asked members to introduce themselves.

The Chair commented on rules for the committee and rules for conferees (Attachments 1 and 2). He noted that the committee will rely on electronic resources to conduct its business; however, members are free to bring paper copies if they wish.

The Chair stated that the committee's purpose is to identify more efficient ways to conduct state government and seek ways to maximize state resources. As an example, he noted that the whistle-blower statute needs to be strengthened.

The Chair invited members to share ideas to further the committee's work. The following members offered conceptual motions to develop legislation:

Representative Neufeld suggested examining off-budget items, noting that the transparency act could be expanded to create inducements for reducing agency expenditures. The motion was seconded by Representative Burgess and passed unanimously.

Representative Burgess made a motion to create a performance measurement management program, to allow pricing flexibility for online transactions, to develop a budget stabilization fund, and to investigate possible sale of state properties. Seconded by Representative Sloan, the motion passed unanimously.

Representative Loganbill recommended developing legislation to limit paper reports, to utilize electronic

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dissemination of information, and to replace state vehicles with hybrids. Representative Spalding seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Chair noted the use of sunset provisions in previous decades to reduce agency spending, and he asked members to consider decentralizing some state government. He commented that spending at Regents' universities has increased dramatically since 2004 and raised the question as to whether student populations have increased commensurately. The Chair requested Representative Spalding to provide further information regarding K-12 education. Representative Vickrey requested staff provide information regarding Utah's move to a four-day work week.

The Chair recommended that, instead of sub-committees, the members form working groups to study the issues raised by members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2009.

Addendum:

Following the meeting, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Ranking Member met with staff to select working groups to study topics brought forward by members. The following work groups were formed:

- Whistle-Blower Act: **Representatives Vickrey (lead), Roth, and McCray-Miller;**
- Budget transparency, including off-budget items such as homestead property tax refunds and revenue transfers: **Representatives Neufeld (lead), Landwehr, Gatewood, and Ruiz;**
- Performance measurement management programs, statutory fees, pricing of goods from the Industries for the Blind, a statutory framework for a budget stabilization fund with a mechanism for replenishing the fund, and sale of state assets: **Representatives Burgess (lead), Morrison, and Trimmer**
- In-house savings for legislative publications, such as statute books, briefing books, etc., replacing state vehicles with hybrids, implementing energy conservation measures, determining how many properties the state owns, non-educational mandates for K-12, more sunset audits done by Post Audit, and standardizing Regents' universities budgets: **Representatives Spalding (lead), Loganbill, Sloan, Henderson.**

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GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Joe Mosimann	Hein Law Firm
Cindy Johnson	Intern - Louis Ruiz

HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RULES

1. In any case where committee rules do not apply, House rules shall govern. All powers, duties, and responsibilities not addressed below are reserved to the Chair.
2. Cell phones and other electronic devices with audible tones are prohibited in the committee room unless the audible tones or ringers are disabled.
3. The Chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
4. The Chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature and, when necessary, may limit testimony to a specific number of minutes.
5. Committee members shall not address conferees until and unless permission is granted by the Chair.
6. The Chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferees and other committee members.
7. No conferee shall be interrupted during the presentation of his or her testimony except with the permission of the Chair.
8. Questioning of a conferee shall be limited to the subject matter on the agenda for the day, except as may otherwise be allowed by the Chair.
9. Committee members shall not be approached during a committee hearing or deliberations by anyone other than fellow legislative members or by legislative staff.
10. No bill or resolution shall be taken up for a committee vote unless announced by the Chair.
11. A motion requires a second to be in order.
12. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed of.
13. Amendments to motions are not in order except upon consent of the member making the motion and his or her second.
14. A motion to table or take from the table shall be in order only when such item is on the agenda or is taken up by the Chair. The motion requires a simple majority of those present and is, unless otherwise determined by the Chair, non-debatable.
15. A request from any member that his or her vote be recorded shall be granted.
16. Granting excused absences is reserved to the Chair. A member is expected to notify the Chair before the meeting in order to receive an excused absence.
17. The Chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
18. Adjournment is reserved to the Chair.

Attachment 1
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HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

NOTICE TO CONFEREES:

The policy of this committee is to ensure and promote free and open discussion of matters coming before the committee. Because of the importance of issues that are to be discussed, certain rules are necessary. Just as there are rules relating to the conduct of committee business when matters are debated among committee members, the following rules apply to the hearing process itself. Any questions about these rules should be directed to the committee chairman.

By appearing before the committee, each conferee is presumed to have read the rules and therefore has agreed to be bound by these rules. We thank you for your understanding of and compliance with the following rules:

1. The Chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and order of business.
2. Individuals wishing to appear and provide testimony before the committee must notify the committee secretary 24 hours in advance of the hearing.
3. Testimony must be in editable electronic form and provided to the secretary at least **eight** hours prior to the meeting. (Use Word, PowerPoint, Word Perfect, etc., not PDF. E-mail testimony to gary.deeter@house.ks.gov.)
4. Conferees shall not read their testimony. Rather, testimony should be presented in a summary fashion. Conferees shall introduce themselves, identify on whose behalf they are appearing, identify their position on an issue or a legislative bill as briefly as possible, and state the reasons for their position.
5. If suggested amendment(s) are to be offered, a proposed draft of the amendment(s) must be provided to staff electronically before the meeting.
6. Conferees shall address their remarks during testimony only to committee members and staff.
7. Where the number of hearings and/or conferees scheduled warrant time limitation, the Chairman may limit testimony to a specific number of minutes. The Chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature or testimony that is, in the judgment of the Chair, not relevant to the matter under consideration.
8. Testimony shall relate to the subject matter of the measure under consideration. Conferees testifying on unrelated subjects will be admonished and, if unrelated testimony continues, the Chair will terminate that conferee's testimony.
9. While the taking of testimony is not preceded with the formality of an oath, a conferee hereby certifies that, by appearing before the committee, his or her testimony is truthful, based on facts that are capable of verification, and offered in good faith. Conferees shall promptly bring to the committee's attention any qualifications or corrections in their testimony.

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10. The Chairman reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
11. Cellular phones and pagers with audible tones must be turned off or disabled while in the committee room.
12. There shall be no recording, audibly, photographically, or otherwise, of committee voting except by the committee secretary.

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