

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Barnett at 1:10 p.m. on March 31, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Garen Lorimer Cox
E. J. "Ned" Holland, Jr.
Joe Lee Tilghman

The Public Health and Welfare Committee met to consider the reappointment to the Kansas Health Policy Authority of:

Garen Lorimer Cox, term expires March 15, 2012
E. J. "Ned" Holland, Jr., term expires March 15, 2012
Joe Lee Tilghman, term expires March 15, 2012

The Appointment Questionnaires for all three gentlemen are available in the Kansas Legislative Research Department. Senators attending the confirmation hearing reviewed all three Appointment Questionnaires; Senator Barnett asked all three reappointment candidates to address committee members.

Mr. Cox, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Tilghman, respectively, provided a brief history of his experience and qualifications for reappointment.

Each candidate was provided an opportunity to answer questions from committee members.

Senators inquired relative to candidates' past experiences, how to improve long-term care and assisted-living care in Kansas, how to ensure KHPA recommendations are moved forward to ensure healthcare reform, how to incorporate an effective model that includes the Office of Inspector General position and the reporting relationship of that position, how to focus on budget issues while offering effective health care policy alternatives, the role of KHPA board members in leadership mentoring, the Massachusetts universal health care access plan, purchasing health care for employees, the basis of Medicare reimbursement to health care providers, program reviews and Medicaid transformation, and the planned performance review of KHPA.

Chairman Barnett thanked Mr. Cox, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Tilghman for attending and indicated committee members would have additional time to review the questionnaires. Senator Barnett announced another meeting would be called for the purpose of considering these reappointments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.