

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

October 13, 2009

Members participating:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson
Speaker Michael O'Neal, Vice Chairperson
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Ray Merrick, Majority Leader
Representative Arlen Siegfried, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Paul Davis, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 10:09 a.m. in Room 545-N, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Speaker O'Neal moved that the minutes of the July 6, 2009, meeting be approved as corrected. Representative Merrick seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Schmidt moved that the minutes of the September 3, 2009, meeting be approved. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Speaker O'Neal reported to the Council the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommended that the Council:

1. Approve the revised fiscal year 2010 budgets and the proposed fiscal year 2011 budgets for the Legislature, the Legislative Coordinating Council, the Legislative Research Department, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes and the Legislative Division of Post Audit as presented. Consistent with the governor's direction to executive agencies, no step movement or base salary increase are included in the budget requests. The budget requests include longevity bonus increases for eligible employees. The current year available budgets are reduced 2.0 %, the same amount as the governor's allotments that were imposed on executive agencies. The revised FY 2010 and proposed FY 2011 budgets of the Legislature and Legislative Research Department include amounts for preparation for the 2012 redistricting. Also included is funding for the next phase of the legislative computerization project.

2. Approve the 2010 session employee assignment and pay policy for temporary legislative employees, including longevity and multiple-legislator assignment bonuses, as recommended in the memorandum provided by Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services. The recommended salary plan for 2010 reflects no increase over 2009, with new employees brought in at a lower pay level than those with one session of experience.
3. Authorize Legislative Administrative Services to pay an hourly wage differential amount, at the end of each session, to any employee whose compensation for reported actual hours worked totals an amount which is less than the current Kansas minimum wage.
4. Approve publication prices for the 2010 editions of Legislative Highlights and Summary of Legislation at the same amounts as the 2009 editions, as recommended in the memorandum provided by Mr. Russell. Legislators would receive five free copies of the Highlights and one free copy of the Summary. The price for additional copies of the Highlights would be \$.50 each and additional copies of the Summary of Legislation would be \$5.00 each.
5. Approve prices for the bound volumes, supplements and index to the Kansas Statutes Annotated as recommended in the memorandum provided by Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes. The proposed prices are: For bound volumes, \$27 per volume; for supplements, \$64 per set; for individual supplement volumes, \$6.50 per volume; and for the index volume, \$27 per volume.
6. Approve two meeting days for the Joint Committee on Children's Issues, two meeting days for the Redistricting Advisory Group and one additional meeting day for each of the following committees: Special Committee on Transportation, Legislative Educational Planning Committee and Joint Committee on Information Technology.
7. Provide for the chair of the Redistricting Advisory Group to be a House member in 2009 and 2010 and a Senate member in 2011.

The Speaker moved that the subcommittee report be adopted. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Russell asked the Council whether the prohibition against scheduling or permitting outside groups to conduct exhibits, functions or other events in the common areas of the Capitol during the 2009 session should be continued during the 2010 session. Barry Greis, Statehouse Architect, briefed the Council on the status of those areas of the Capitol where there will be public access and those where it will be restricted.

Speaker O'Neal moved that the prohibition remain in place. Representative Siegfried seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Russell requested that, prior to the December Council meeting, members consider and give him input on those restrictions they feel should be placed on having food and drinks in committee rooms. Mr. Russell said he will propose restrictions for the Council's consideration at the December meeting.

Consideration of the agenda item regarding Legislative Counsel was deferred until a later meeting.

Members of the Council also received draft minutes for the September 3, 2009, LCC meeting; a memorandum from Jeff Russell on proposed 2010 assignment and pay policy for temporary legislative employees; a memorandum from Jeff Russell on publication pricing for Legislative Highlights and Summary of Legislation; a memorandum from Mary Torrence on suggested prices for Kansas Statutes Annotated; a list of members of the Redistricting Advisory Group; revised FY 2010 and proposed FY 2011 budgets for the Legislature, the Legislative Coordinating Council, the Office of Revisor of Statutes, the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Legislative Division of Post Audit; a letter from Representative McLeland requesting one additional meeting day for the Joint Committee on Information Technology; a list of tentative 2009 interim committee meetings; and a court case update from the Office of Revisor of Statutes.

The next meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council was scheduled for December 11, 2009.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Mary Ann Torrence,
Revisor of Statutes,
as Secretary

Approved by


President Stephen R. Morris, Chairperson