

MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY JOINT MEETING OF
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sharon Schwartz, at 8:45 A.M. on December 17, 2007, in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Donald Betts - excused
Senator Jay Emler - excused
Senator Greta Goodwin - excused
Senator Carolyn McGinn - excused
Senator Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson III, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Revisor of Statutes Office
Kristen Kellems, Revisor of Statutes Office
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kimbra Caywood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff, House Appropriations Committee
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means Committee
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant, House Appropriations Committee
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant, Senate Ways and Means Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Marcia Nielsen, PhD, Executive Director, Kansas Health Policy Authority
Kathy Greenlee, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging
Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Reginald "Reggie" Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents
Dale Dennis, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Education
Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections
Dennis Williams, Kansas Department of Corrections
Marilyn Jacobson, Dir., Division of Finance and Facilities Management, Dept of Administration
Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairwoman Schwartz had invited the Senate Ways and Means Committee to participate in the meeting to hear overviews from eight state agencies regarding their statewide budget submissions that will be presented to the Governor for current FY 2008 and FY 2009. Chairwoman Sharon Schwartz welcomed the following representatives of State Agencies and the Fiscal Analysts from the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

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Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, provided a Summary of Agency Budget Requests for FY 2008 and FY 2009 ([Attachment 1](#)). He noted that the information provided did not include any consensus expenditure estimates, such as those for social services and education, and the totals may change as technical corrections could still be made to the budgets.

J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, provided details regarding the following items:

- Memorandum dated December 17, 2007, which was distributed to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee, from Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, regarding the State General Fund Outlook ([Attachment 2](#)).
- Memorandum dated November 9, 2007, addressed to Governor Kathleen Sebelius and the Legislative Budget Committee, regarding State General Fund Receipts for FY 2008 and FY 2009 ([Attachment 3](#)).
- State General Fund Receipts, Expenditures and Balances Profile, FY 2007 - FY 2011, In Millions, was distributed to the committees ([Attachment 4](#)).

The following state agencies presented the following information:

Kansas Health Policy Authority

Amy Deckard, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Health Policy Authority, Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 5](#)).

Dr. Marcia Nielsen, PhD, Kansas Health Policy Authority, presented a budget update for the Agency ([Attachment 6](#)), distributed copies of her power point presentation, House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committee Budget Overview, Kansas Health Policy Authority ([Attachment 7](#)). She also provided information regarding the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board Health Reform Recommendations, Updated, dated November 26, 2007 ([Attachment 8](#)).

Kansas Department on Aging

Amy Deckard, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Department on Aging Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 9](#)).

Kathy Greenlee, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging, presented projected FY 2008 Funding Sources, projected expenditures and approved enhancements, and FY 2009 Enhancement Requests ([Attachment 10](#)).

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Amy Deckard, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 11](#)). Copies of the Children's Initiatives Fund status for FY 2008 were distributed ([Attachment 12](#)).

Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Rehabilitation Services, presented an overview of the Agency's FY 2008 Budget and Supplementals and Enhancements Included in the Agency's Submitted Budget FY 2008 Supplementals and FY 2009 Enhancements ([Attachment 13](#)).

Kansas Board of Regents

Audrey Dunkel, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Board of Regents Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 14](#)).

Reginald "Reggie" Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, presented a 2008 Legislative

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and Public Policy Preview and the FY 2009 Budget Request and an investment package request ([Attachment 15](#)).

Kansas Department of Education

Michele Alishahi, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas State Department of Education Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 16](#)).

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education, presented information on K-12 major challenges, teacher shortages, FY 2008 and FY 2009 Agency Budgets ([Attachment 17](#)).

Kansas Department of Corrections

Jarod Waltner, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Department of Corrections Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 18](#)).

Roger Werholtz, Secretary, and Dennis Williams, Kansas Department of Corrections, presented highlights of the Agency's FY 2008 and FY 2009 Budget Requests ([Attachment 19](#)).

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Julian Efird, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 20](#)).

Mike Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, presented the Agency's FY 2009 budget request and a FY 2008 supplemental budget request ([Attachment 21](#)).

Kansas Department of Administration

Julian Efird, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Department of Administration Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Reportable Budget Request ([Attachment 22](#)).

Marilyn Jacobson, Director, Division of Finance and Facilities Management, Kansas Department of Administration, provided an overview of the Agency's FY 2009 budget submission ([Attachment 23](#)).

Kansas Water Office

Heather O'Hara, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a staff overview of the Kansas Water Office Summary of FY 2008-FY 2009 Agency Budget Request ([Attachment 24](#)). Copies of the State Water Plan Fund status were distributed ([Attachment 25](#)).

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office, presented an overview of the State Water Plan Fund budget and the Kansas Water Office for FY 2009 ([Attachment 26](#)).

Copies of the Kansas Water Authority 2008 Annual Report to the Governor and to the Legislature were distributed to the Committees. Copies of the annual report are available at the Kansas Water Office.

Senator Chris Steineger distributed copies of a letter to the Committees regarding the Kansas Health Policy Authority ([Attachment 27](#)).

Questions and discussion followed each agency presentation. Chairwoman Schwartz thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting for the Senate Ways and Means Committee was scheduled for January 14, 2008.