

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 1:30 p.m. on January 20, 2009, in Room 786 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Joe McLeland- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jennifer Horchem, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kay Scarlett, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Reginald L. Robinson, President & CEO, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

There were no requests for introduction of committee bills.

Reginald L. Robinson, President & CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, provided an overview of the higher education system in Kansas and highlighted the board's activities since the conclusion of the 2008 Legislative Session, including:

- State University Task Force reviewing admission requirements
- CEO searches at K-State, PSU, and KU
- Ongoing work by the Technical Education Authority
- Campus security reviews & employee background checks
- Increased Fall 2008 enrollment at all six state universities
- Ongoing work by the P-20 Council
- Building a public agenda for Kansas higher education
- Sharpened focus on campus efficiencies.

He reviewed the Governor's recommended budget cuts for the state's public higher education system. Overall, higher education funding would be reduced by a net total of \$120.3 million (\$24.94 million in FY 2009 and \$95.34 million in FY 2010). ([Attachment 1](#))

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee is scheduled for January 21, 2009.