

Approved: March 7, 2012

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicki Schmidt at 1:30 p.m. on March 1, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Laura Kelly, excused
Senator Dick Kelsey, excused

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Long, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Alex Ammar

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chair opened the confirmation hearings for Dr. Alex Ammar (Attachment #1), Greg Graves (Attachment #2), and Sharon Lindenbaum (Attachment #3) to the University of Kansas Hospital Authority and welcomed Dr. Ammar to the committee. Dr. Ammar addressed the committee giving a brief background of his credentials and expressing what he felt he could contribute as a member of the KU Hospital Authority. He indicated that he was not political and that his focus was to do what is best for the majority of patients and his hope was to look at specific areas in the medical field where costs could be cut such as limiting unnecessary procedures. He acknowledged that merging of institutions could be efficient in serving a larger population; however, the devil would be in the detail.

The Chair thanked Dr. Ammar for his appearance before the Committee. *It was moved by Senator Brungardt, seconded by Senator Haley to move out favorably for passage the confirmation of Dr. Alex Ammar as a member of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority to serve a four year term ending March 15, 2015 to succeed Dr. George Farha. Motion carried.*

The Chair then called for the re-confirmation of Greg Graves and Sharon Lindenbaum. *It was moved by Senator Brungardt, seconded by Senator Reitz to move out favorably for passage the re-confirmation of Greg Graves as a member of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority to serve a four year term ending March 15, 2015, to succeed himself and Sharon Lindenbaum as a member of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority to serve a four year term ending March 15, 2015, to succeed herself. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 5, 2012.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET