

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Huebert at 3:30 p.m. on January 21, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused
Representative Delia Garcia- excused
Representative Mike Peterson- excused
Representative Scott Schwab- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

James Meier, student at Kansas University

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Huebert opened the meeting welcoming members and introducing Ranking Minority Leader, Representative Melany Barnes. He outlined the intent of the meeting to include a summary report of bills previously heard in this committee during the 2009 legislative session.

Legislative staff, Martha Dorsey provided information regarding the current status of bills in conference. Her detailed report included script analysis taken from Vote Tracker. She noted, and correction was made by inserting Representative Talia's name in place of Representative Don Hill in conjunction with **HB 2256** (Attachment 1).

James Meier, a student at Kansas University, expressed his concerns regarding the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission's lack of transparency in the public domain. He indicated the lack of a policy for accountability within the Commission prohibits anyone from obtaining information under the open records requests (Attachment 2). He requested the committee consider this issue of concern.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 00:00 x.m.