

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

August 21, 2006

Members participating:

Speaker Doug Mays, Chairperson  
President Steve Morris, Vice-Chairperson  
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader  
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader  
Representative Clay Aurand, Majority Leader  
Representative Ray Merrick, Speaker Pro Tem  
Representative Dennis McKinney, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Mays at 11:05 a.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol. Representatives Aurand and Merrick participated in the meeting by telephone conference call.

President Morris moved that the open meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 75-4319 for a period of not more than 30 minutes for a discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel which are under consideration by the Legislative Coordinating Council, relating to consideration of applicants for the position of Revisor of Statutes, to protect the privacy interests of any such individual or individuals, that at the conclusion of the executive session the Legislative Coordinating Council resume the open meeting in Room 123-S of the Statehouse and that this motion, if adopted, be recorded in the minutes of the Legislative Coordinating Council and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Legislative Coordinating Council. The motion was seconded by Senator Hensley and the motion carried.

The open meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council resumed at 11:35 a.m. The Council meeting recessed until 2:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon the reconvening of the Council at 2:10 p.m., Representative McKinney moved that the minutes of the July 25, 2006, Legislative Coordinating Council meeting be approved. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

President Morris presented the report of the Subcommittee on Administration. President Morris reported that the subcommittee

recommends the following general instructions to govern preparation of the fiscal year 2007 (revised) and fiscal year 2008 requested budgets for legislative staff agencies and the legislature: Consistent with the Governor's direction to the executive branch agencies, no step movement or base salary increases will be included in the budget request for employees, the budget request will include longevity bonus increases for those eligible employees and fringe benefit rate adjustments, legislator compensation and non-session expense amounts will be budgeted at the current temporary rate, rather than the lower statutory rate, and funding would be requested for the necessary adjustments for the legislative computerization project and requested budgets will be presented to the Council for its approval or modification at the October Legislative Coordinating Council meeting; that 250 sets of Senate and House Journals be printed, that the charge for each volume of the Senate and House Journals be fixed at \$40 plus tax and handling per volume and the charge per set for the Senate and House Journals be fixed at \$80 plus tax and handling per set; that legislators who serve on the Task Force for Electronic Motor Vehicle Financial Security Verification System receive compensation and expenses for attending meetings of the task force; that the KAN-ED Oversight Committee be authorized four meeting days during the 2006 interim; that the 2006 price for the document mailing packet service (calendars, journals, bills and supplemental notes) be charged for the 2007 legislative session; that Representative Annie Kuether be authorized to receive compensation and expenses for attendance at not to exceed three board meetings of the Women's Legislative Network of the National Conference of State Legislatures; that a topic on eminent domain be added to the list of study topics assigned to the Special Committee on Judiciary; and that the chairperson, vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of the Kansas Security Committee be authorized to attend the FBI 2006 International Symposium on Agroterrorism in Kansas City, Missouri, September 25-29, 2006. President Morris moved that the recommendations of the subcommittee be approved. Senator Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON SELECTION

Speaker Mays presented the report of the subcommittee and described the process of selection of the next Revisor of Statutes. Prior to today, the subcommittee conducted several meetings and interviewed four impressive applicants for the position. This morning, the members of the subcommittee met in closed session with the other members of the Council to discuss the applicants, with no action being taken.

President Morris stated that it was his privilege to move that Mary Torrence, Senior Assistant Revisor, be appointed as Revisor of

Statutes, effective August 28, 2006, and that her salary be fixed in an amount equal to the salary of the current Revisor of Statutes. Senator Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The members of the Council congratulated Ms. Torrence and wished her well in her new position. The members of the Council, legislative staff and others in attendance expressed their congratulations to Ms. Torrence with a round of applause.

Speaker Mays thanked Norman Furse for his service as Revisor of Statutes and expressed pleasure that he would be continuing in the Office of Revisor of Statutes with the role and title of Revisor Emeritus. The members of the Council, legislative staff and audience warmly applauded Mr. Furse.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Prior to the meeting members of the Council received Policy 1 travel authorizations by President Morris, a memo from Mrs. Saville and Mrs. Jones concerning the permanent journals, a memorandum from Mr. Conroy on budget preparation, a memorandum on the status of selected Kansas cases from the Revisor of Statutes Office, a memorandum from Jeff Russell on the 2006 YTD postage use report, a memorandum from Mr. Russell on the 2006 session year document service report and memoranda from Mr. Furse, Mr. Conroy and Mr. Russell on FY 2006 staff out-of-state travel.

Speaker Mays indicated that it was likely that the Council would not meet in September.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Norman J. Furse,  
Revisor of Statutes,  
as Secretary

Approved by

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Speaker Doug Mays, Chairperson