

MINUTES of the JOINT SENATE and HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:10 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Dennis Pyle – Excused

Committee staff present:
Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Larry Isaak, President, Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
John Federico, Federico Consulting
Ryan Harkins, Director, State Affairs and Public Policy, Microsoft Corporation

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Highland called the meeting to order. Both chairmen announced a change in time to 2:00 p.m. for the January 21st meetings of their respective committees.

Chairman Highland asked for bill introductions from House committee members; there were none.

Chairman Abrams asked for bill introductions from Senate committee members; there were none.

Presentation on Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)

Chairman Highland invited Kansas commissioner and Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Vice-Chairman Dick Short of Goodland to introduce MHEC President Larry Isaak. President Isaak provided members with an update on Kansas participation in MHEC and answered questions from committee members. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#)) Two documents referenced in comments made by President Isaak may be viewed by searching for them in the MHEC website, www.mhec.org:

- Annual Report to the Member States 2014-2015
- Higher Education in Focus: Selected Performance Indicators for Kansas 2014-15.

Presentation by Microsoft Corporation

Chairman Abrams invited John Federico to address the committees. Mr. Federico introduced guests

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from Microsoft Corporation and then provided a brief explanation of the student data privacy pledge. [\(Attachment 5\)](#) [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

Ryan Harkins gave detailed information on the part played by Microsoft Corporation in the development of the student data privacy pledge. [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

The joint committees adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be held on January 21, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.