

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 118-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Randi Walters, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department
Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook welcomed everyone to the first committee meeting of the Kansas Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee for the 2016 Legislative Session.

Committee Rules and Discussion

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook referred the Committee members to copies of the Committee Rules ([Attachment 1](#)) and the Guidelines for Conferees ([Attachment 2](#)).

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook stated that she would like the Committee to move to Dropbox and make this a paperless committee. Chairperson Pilcher-Cook indicated that one change in the Guidelines for Conferees is that the deadline for submitting testimony has been moved up to at least 48 hours before the hearing, excluding weekends. She stated that this will enable the Committee members to have the ability to study and research topics before the hearing, as well as giving the public access to the information at the same time as the Committee members.

Staff provided information on Dropbox and addressed questions from Committee members.

Senator O'Donnell moved, Senator LaTurner seconded, that the Guidelines for Conferees be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook drew the Committee's attention to the Committee Rules. Chairperson Pilcher-Cook inquired if the Committee would like to make a change regarding the number of minutes a member may be late before the time of arrival will be recorded in the minutes. After some discussion,

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Senator Kelly moved, and Senator Love seconded, to change Rule Number 5 to state, "If a Committee member is more than 10 minutes late to a Committee meeting, the time of arrival will be recorded in the minutes unless the Committee member has been excused by the Chairperson." Motion carried.

Senator Love moved, Senator Holmes seconded, that the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Rules be accepted as amended. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2016.