

## MINUTES

### 2010 COMMISSION

December 8, 2006  
Room 123-S—Statehouse

#### Members Present

Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson  
Dr. Ray Daniels, Vice-Chairperson  
Representative Kathe Decker  
Carolyn Campbell  
Dennis Jones  
Stephen Iliff  
David Davies, Attorney General's Office

#### Members Absent

Senator Jean Kurtis Schodorf  
Representative Sue Storm  
Barbara Mackey  
Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor

#### Staff Present

Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office

At 10:10 a.m., the 2010 Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rochelle Chronister.

#### Transportation Weighting

The Chairperson called the Commission's attention to the topic referred to the Commission by the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC). The LCC requested the 2010 Commission study the current school transportation weighting formula, particularly in light of the recommendations of Legislative Post Audit in its audit entitled *Elementary and Secondary Education in Kansas: Estimating the Costs of K-12 Education Using Two Approaches* ([Attachment 1](#)). Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education, presented information on transportation weighting and how it affects Kansas school districts ([Attachment 2](#)). Commission members decided this issue deserved public comment. Staff was instructed to invite conferees on this issue to attend a future meeting. Dale Dennis suggested school districts representing all sides of this issue could present information. Those districts mentioned as potential conferees included: Syracuse, Garden City,

Wichita, and Kansas City. Staff was instructed to notify the LCC that the Commission had reviewed this issue and determined further study was needed.

## **Infant Toddler Program**

Chairperson Chronister notified Commission members that an effort was underway to move the Infant Toddler Program currently housed at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). Discussion followed regarding the program's purpose, which is to assist disabled children up to age three and their families.

*Dr. Daniels moved the Commission send a letter to the Interagency Coordinating Council for the Infant Toddler Program, indicating that the 2010 Commission would not support a transfer to SRS but would support a transfer to the Kansas Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Representative Decker. Motion carried.*

## **Review of 2006 Draft Report to the Legislature**

*Dr. Daniels moved that the recommendation currently in the 2010 draft report regarding the establishment of a centralized accounting system in the Kansas Department of Education be removed. He stated that more information was needed before such a recommendation was warranted. His motion included that this recommendation be reconsidered when information from an upcoming performance audit entitled, K-12 Education: Comparing the Centralization of School District Accounting in Different States becomes available. Carolyn Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Dr. Daniels moved that a recommendation be added to the report indicating the Commission recommends that the \$19.0 million cited in the free lunch performance audit attributable to students ineligible for free lunches be retained in the school finance formula. In addition, language should be added to the report stating that the performance audit did not recommend the removal of the \$19.0 million, either. Dennis Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Dr. Daniels moved that the draft report be approved as amended. Dennis Jones seconded. Motion carried.*

Stephen Iloff indicated he would be developing a minority report.

*Dennis Jones moved to approve the minutes of the November 13-14, 2006, meeting. Representative Decker seconded. Motion carried.*

Chairperson Chronister instructed staff to determine potential meeting times available during the upcoming session and report those to Commission members for consideration for the next meeting date.

Chairperson Chronister adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

Prepared by Sharon Wenger

Approved by Commission on:

January 3, 2007

(date)