

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Wysong at 8:30 a.m. on January 22, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jay Emler - excused  
Senator Roger Reitz - excused

Committee staff present:

Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Norm Furse, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mr. Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Department  
Mr. Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mr. Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mr. Tracy Taylor, President & CEO, KTEC

Others attending:

Please see attached list.

### **Introduction of Bills**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Wysong asked if there were any bills to be introduced. Senator Lynn offered legislation concerning transportation development districts. A motion was made by Senator Schodorf that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Faust-Goudeau and the motion carried.

Senator Wysong offered legislation concerning the state use law committee; date for expiration thereof. Senator Schodorf again made a motion that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Lynn and the motion carried.

### **Overview of Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp. (KTEC)**

The Chair then recognized Mr. Tracy Taylor, President & CEO, of KTEC who mentioned he had five handouts to cover:

- 1) Two invitations to KTEC Pipeline Programs
- 2) A pamphlet showing what KTEC has created and/or supports including MAMITC, Centers of Excellence, and Business Assistance Incubators.
- 3) A powerPoint presentation covering:
  - The history of KTEC including its creation by the Legislature in 1986, governed by a Board of Directors, and funded by the Eco Devo Initiatives Fund (Kansas Lottery & Gaming Commission);
  - Areas of Focus (Research, Investments, Business Assistance, & Entrepreneur Development);
  - The 2008 State New Economy Index ranking Kansas 8<sup>th</sup> in the Nation for “Gazelle Jobs”
  - Overview on Kansas Bioscience Organization (Kansas Bio) and KTEC Pipeline
  - A brief history of economic development
  - and lastly, FY2008 results, KTEC cumulative results, and the FY09 budget summary.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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A copy of Mr. Taylor's testimony and the programs are (Attachment 1) attached and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The brochure is filed in Senator Wysong's office.

The Chair thanked Mr. Taylor and asked the Committee for comments or questions which came from Senators Schodorf, Wysong, Holland, Faust-Goudeau, and Lynn. including: Do you see any redundancy between KTEC and the Department of Commerce? Regarding the transfer of employees, who would go and what would that due to the momentum? Mr. Taylor was asked to discuss MANPEC and the KBA and what type of similarities are there between KTEC and KBA? Will you look to your private sector funding if you do not get state funding? From what you describe, in 2010 by putting some of the duties into Commerce, essentially most of this would go away and uncomfortable about moving any more initiatives into Commerce because it is so big.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business, Chairman Wysong adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.