

MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

December 14, 2006

Members present:

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 2:30 p.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Representative McKinney moved that the minutes of the October 25, 2006, meeting be approved. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried. President Morris moved that the holidays for legislative personnel for calendar year 2007, including one discretionary day, be the same as those designated by the governor for executive branch personnel. Representative Aurand seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

President Morris reported to the Council the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommends:

(1) That statutory joint committees which are required by law to have LCC approval to meet be authorized to meet during the legislative session during days the legislature is meeting in session;

(2) that LCC Policy 37, be amended as follows:

Policy 37. Kansas Legislative Intern Program. (a) The Kansas Legislative Intern Program shall be administered by the Kansas Legislative Intern Program Coordinator in the office of the Speaker Pro Tem who shall be appointed by the Speaker Pro Tem. A Legislative Intern Caucus Coordinator shall be appointed in the office of the Senate Vice-President by the Senate Vice-President;

a Legislative Intern Caucus Coordinator shall be appointed in the office of the House Minority Leader by the House Minority Leader; and a Legislative Intern Caucus Coordinator shall be appointed in the office of the Senate Minority Leader by the Senate Minority Leader. The Kansas Legislative Intern Program shall be administered by the Kansas Legislative Intern Program Coordinator in cooperation with the House and Senate Legislative Intern Caucus Coordinators.

(b) Kansas Legislative Interns shall receive a mileage expense reimbursement payment as provided by this policy at the end of their participation in the Kansas Legislative Intern Program during a legislative session. Each legislator shall have an Intern mileage expense allotment under the program of up to \$600 each regular session for mileage expense reimbursement for Interns, except that the Intern mileage expense allotment under the program for each of the following legislative leadership offices shall be up to \$1,200 mileage expense reimbursement for Interns: (1) The office of the President, (2) the office of the Vice-President, (3) the office of the Majority Leader of the Senate, (4) the office of the Minority Leader of the Senate, (5) the office of the Speaker, (6) the office of the Speaker Pro Tem, (7) the office of the Majority Leader of the House, and (8) the office of the Minority Leader of the House. Each legislator or legislative officer who is assigned more than one Kansas Legislative Intern during a legislative session shall allocate the Intern mileage expense allotment under the program for the mileage expense reimbursements of such Interns.

(c) The director of legislative administrative services shall pay mileage expense reimbursement to Kansas Legislative Interns in accordance with the following guidelines, and in no event shall more be paid for mileage expense reimbursement than indicated, but a lesser amount shall be paid if circumstances warrant:

(1) The mileage expense reimbursement rate shall be the rate established under law for state employees;

(2) a Kansas Legislative Intern shall be paid mileage expense reimbursement for round-trips by the most direct, usual route from the place of residence to the state capitol and no turnpike toll fees shall be reimbursed;

(3) no mileage expense reimbursement shall be paid to a Kansas Legislative Intern unless travel expenses are actually incurred by such Intern either in privately-owned vehicles or by public transportation; only one mileage expense reimbursement shall be paid for a trip by a single privately-owned vehicle;

(4) if public transportation is used, the maximum mileage expense reimbursement shall be the actual cost thereof or the rate per mile fixed under subsection (c)(1), whichever is less;

(5) mileage expense reimbursement shall be paid only if incurred during an actual legislative session, and not during any time when the legislature is adjourned for more than two days, Sundays excepted; and

(6) the maximum amount of mileage expense reimbursement for any Kansas Legislative Intern shall not exceed \$600 per session of the legislature.

(d) In order to be accepted into Kansas Legislative Intern Program, each applicant (1) must complete and submit the application form obtained through the Kansas Legislative Intern Program Coordinator in the office of the Speaker Pro Tem and (2) (A) must be enrolled at an accredited secondary school at the junior or senior level, or an equivalent level, (B) must be engaged in an alternate secondary level educational program at a level substantially equivalent to a junior or senior, or (C) be enrolled at an accredited post-secondary educational institution at any level, and (3) in any such case, must be making academic progress in their educational course of study. Only those persons who have applied and have been accepted into the Kansas Legislative Intern Program shall be known as Kansas Legislative Interns.

(e) Each legislator to whom a Kansas Legislative Intern is assigned shall prepare and discuss with the Intern the goals, expectations and responsibilities of the Kansas Legislative Intern and of the legislator under the program. After completing the Kansas Legislative Intern Program for a legislative session, each Kansas Legislative Intern and the legislator to whom the Intern is assigned, shall complete and submit a Kansas Legislative Intern Program evaluation form to the Kansas Legislative Intern Program Coordinator.

(f) A daily attendance record shall be maintained for Kansas Legislative Interns during the legislative session by the Kansas Legislative Intern Program Coordinator and the House and Senate Legislative Intern Caucus Coordinators. The Kansas Legislative Intern Program shall require a minimum of 12 days of attendance at the capitol. Each Kansas Legislative Intern shall be issued and shall wear a name badge while in attendance at the capitol and serving as a Intern during a legislative session.

(g) The participation of each Kansas Legislative Intern in the Intern Program for a legislative session shall be completed and the program evaluations and any mileage reimbursement claim for such Intern shall be submitted in accordance with this policy no later than the formal, sine die adjournment of the session.

(h) Except as otherwise provided under this policy, no amount shall be disbursed to a Kansas Legislative Intern by the director of legislative administrative services for mileage expense reimbursement unless the Intern program evaluation form has **been** completed and submitted to the Kansas Legislative Intern Program Coordinator by the Kansas Legislative Intern and by the legislator to whom the Intern was assigned. If an extenuating situation occurs and either program evaluation form is not completed and submitted to the Kansas Legislative Intern Program Coordinator, this

requirement may be waived upon the written request of the legislator to whom the Intern was assigned and approval by the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the Council. (Adopted June 11, 1976; amended Jan. 27, 1978; amended June 27, 2002; amended November 20, 2003; amended August 24, 2004; amended December 14, 2006.)

(3) that the legislature's contract with the Information Network of Kansas (INK), including the proposed amendments, and the contract of the Revisor of Statutes with INK be approved for renewal and that the chairperson of the Legislative Coordinating Council for the legislature's contract and the Revisor of Statutes for the Revisor's contract be authorized to sign the respective agreements;

(4) that the changes to the clipping service recommended by Mr. Russell be adopted on a trial basis during the 2007 session, except that the clipping service be provided during the 2007 session only in electronic format;

(5) that the attendance of Representative Carlin at the Midwestern Higher Education Compact meeting, Indianapolis, IN, on November 13-15, 2006, be approved retroactively, for the payment of per diem compensation only; that two members from each house, one from each party, be authorized to attend the National Council of State Legislators from Gaming States winter meeting in Duck Key, FL, on January 12-14, 2007; that delegates, or the alternates of delegates unable to attend, be authorized to attend the NCSL standing committees spring forum in Washington, D.C., on April 19-21, 2007; that Kansas members or their alternates on committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures be authorized to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures in Boston, MA, on August 5-9, 2007; that committee members and task force members of the Council of State Governments be authorized to attend such meetings during 2007; that designated members of the House of Representatives and the Senate be authorized to participate in the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) during 2007;

(6) that Senator Lynn be appointed as a member of the Coordinating Council on early Childhood Developmental Services to replace former Senator O'Connor; and

(7) that a trial, full-access subscription to VoteTracker be approved for the legislature for the remainder of fiscal year 2007.

President Morris moved that the recommendations (1) through (6) of the Subcommittee on Administration be adopted. Senator Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Morris moved that recommendation (7) regarding the VoteTracker subscription be adopted. Representative McKinney seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In addition, the Subcommittee received a report from Mr. Russell regarding interim compensation and administrative support for members of the legislature. Mr. Russell will continue to develop proposals for interim legislative expenses and for interim administrative support to be presented at a future meeting of the Council. The Subcommittee also received a report and information from Mr. Larson on behalf of the IS Team and from Kevin Yowell regarding VoteTracker.

#### REPORT OF CAPITOL RESTORATION COMMISSION

Mr. Conroy presented a report of the meeting of the Capitol Restoration Commission. At its meeting on December 14, 2006, The Capitol Restoration Commission:

(1) Received a review of the history of the construction of the Capitol;

(2) learned that the renovation taking place is based on the major renovation which took place in 1917;

(3) received a review of the design objectives being used for the Capitol Restoration Project, including the site issues and building issues;

(4) received a review of the Capitol restoration work completed as of December 14, 2006, and the work currently being conducted;

(5) received a report on the condition of the exterior masonry of the Capitol;

(6) received information from a representative of JE Dunn Construction Co. concerning work accomplished in the East Wing and the West Wing, the process of budgeting from the project, and the impact of inflation on the cost of the project;

(7) received an explanation of the cost estimation developed by JE Dunn Construction Co., which indicates that there will continue to be a low double-digit inflation of 11% - 12%;

(8) learned that the timeline for the Capitol Restoration Project completion is now October of 2011 rather than April of 2011, with an estimated cost of \$172.5 million, excluding the final phase; and

(9) voted to recommend that the Governor's FY2008 budget in the Department of Administration include \$55 million in additional bonding authority for the Capitol Restoration Project, to approve the presentation given by the project architects and construction company personnel, and to approve the contents of the Capitol Restoration Report dated December 14, 2006.

President Morris moved to accept the recommendations of the Capitol Restoration Commission, to recommend increasing the bonding authority for the Capitol Restoration Project by \$55 million, and to approve the Capitol Restoration Project report dated December 14, 2006. Representative Aurand seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Representative McKinney questioned whether it was appropriate for the cost increases due to inflation to affect project architect fees. Representative McKinney moved that the Joint Committee on State Building Construction be requested to conduct a study of fees for engineering and architectural services on state capital improvement projects, including the effect of increasing costs of construction. The motion was seconded by Representative Merrick and the motion carried.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Senator Morris on behalf of the Council made a presentation to Speaker Mays in appreciation for his years of service as a member of the Council and the House of Representatives. A framed picture of the Capitol at night, with the "Ad Astra" statute on the dome illuminated by a full moon, was presented to Speaker Mays on behalf of the Council. Speaker Mays stated that it had been one of greatest experiences of his life to serve the people of Kansas as a member of the legislature. He expressed his thanks to the members of the Council and to legislative staff.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

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Approved by

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President Stephen R. Morris, Chairperson