

MINUTES OF THE SENATE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Longbine at 9:30 am on Thursday, February 04, 2021, in room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department  
Marisa Bayless, Legislative Research Department  
Suzanne Nelson, Committee Assistant  
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Melissa Renick, Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department  
Connor Stangler, Legislative Research Department  
Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Alan Conroy, Executive Director, Kansas Public Retirement System

Others in attendance:

No list available

**Request for bill introductions**

Julie Hein, on behalf of the Kansas Pharmacists Association, requested 21RS-1021, a bill pertaining to pharmacy benefit managers (PBM) regulation.

*There being no objection from any member present, the Chairman declared the bill as introduced.*

Chairperson Longbine reminded the committee of several important deadlines for non-exempt committees in the near future. He turned the committee's attention to and opened the budget hearing for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs).

**Hearing on Agency Budget:**

Steven Wu, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) appeared via Webex remote. He introduced Amy Deckard, Assistant Director for Fiscal Affairs, KLRD, also appearing via Webex remote, who walked the committee through an overview and how to read a budget analysis. ([Attachment 1](#))

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Steven Wu then presented the proposed FY 2021 current and FY 2022 budgets for KPERS ([Attachment 2](#)) and explained the reporting-out process ([Attachment 3](#)). He answered questions from Senators Gossage, Fagg, and Peck.

Alan Conroy, Executive Director, KPERS, presented some budget remarks regarding FY 2021 current year and FY 2022 budgets. ([Attachment 4](#)) He answered questions and received comments from Chairman Longbine, Senators Fagg, Olson, Pittman, and Peck.

*Senator Olson moved, Senator Peck seconded to concur with the Governor's KPERS budget recommendations for FY 2021 and FY 2022. The motion carried.*

The Chair closed the hearing on the KPERS budgets.

Due to time constraints, the hearing on **SB86** was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Chair Longbine announced that there would be no meetings on Friday, February 5, 2021 or Monday, February 8, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 9:30 am in Room 546-South of the Capitol.