

House Committee on  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET**  
2022 Conferee Rules

It is the policy of the Committee to ensure and promote free and open discussion of matters coming before the Committee. The importance of issues that are being discussed requires certain rules. Just as there are rules relating to the conduct of committee business when matters are debated among committee members, the following rules apply to the hearing process itself. By appearing before the Committee, each conferee is presumed to have read the rules and therefore has agreed to be bound by these rules. Any questions about these rules should be directed to the Chair. Thank you for your understanding of and compliance with these rules.

1. The Chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
2. Individuals wishing to appear in person or appear virtually before the committee to provide testimony MUST notify the committee assistant, [Phyllis.fast@house.ks.gov](mailto:Phyllis.fast@house.ks.gov) (785-296-7676) 48 business hours in advance of the hearing -- unless a hearing is scheduled with less than 48 hours. In case of the latter, 24 hours prior notice must be given.
3. An electronic (pdf) file and 25 copies of written testimony should be provided to the committee assistant 24 business hours prior to the hearing.
4. Conferees should not read their testimony. Testimony should be presented in summary fashion. Conferees shall introduce themselves; identify on whose behalf they are appearing; identify whether they are a proponent, opponent or neutral on the bill; and as briefly as possible, state the reasons for their position.
5. Conferees shall address their remarks during testimony to committee members and staff only.
6. If suggested amendment(s) are to be offered, a proposed draft of the amendment(s) must be provided to staff for distribution to the committee members.
7. Where the number of hearings and/or conferees scheduled warrant time limitation, the Chair may limit testimony to a specific number of minutes. The Chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature or testimony that is, in the judgment of the Chair, not relevant to the matter under consideration.
8. Testimony shall relate to the subject matter of the measure under consideration. Conferees testifying on unrelated subjects will be admonished and if unrelated testimony continues, the Chair will terminate the conferee's testimony.

9. While the taking of testimony is not preceded with the formality of an oath, by appearing before the committee every conferee hereby certifies that his or her testimony is truthful, based upon facts that are capable of verification and offered in good faith. Conferees shall promptly bring to the committee's attention any qualifications or corrections in their testimony.
10. The Chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
11. The Chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent or correct a violation of these rules.
12. Cellular phones and pagers with audible tones must be turned off or disabled while in the committee room.
13. Conferees may be allowed to appear via live video conference through Webex. Conferees appearing in this manner shall follow all written rules and verbal directives of the Chair.
14. Committee members shall not be approached during committee hearings or deliberation by anyone other than fellow legislative members or legislative staff. This applies to meetings in person or by live video conference.
15. There shall be no recording in the committee room, or of a live video conference – audibly, photographically or otherwise – of committee voting except by the committee assistant.