

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

June 1, 2011

Members participating:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson
Speaker Michael O'Neal, Vice Chairperson
Senator Jay Emler, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Arlen Siegfroid, Majority Leader
Representative Jene Vickrey, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Paul Davis, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 8:36 a.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, reviewed legislators' requests for authorization to receive expenses and compensation for attendance at the Kansas Geological Survey Field Conference, June 8 - 10, 2011. Speaker O'Neal moved that each legislator attending receive one en route day if the legislator's home is more than 100 miles from the conference starting point, three days' salary and round trip mileage from home to the starting point, but no subsistence allowance. Senator Emler seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Alan Conroy, Director of Legislative Research, distributed and reviewed a list of the new study commissions and committees created by the 2011 Legislature.
3. Mr. Conroy reviewed the number of committee days authorized by the LCC for FY 2011. He reported that 70 days of the maximum 80 days authorized by the 2010 Legislature had been used to date. No limit was imposed by the 2011 Legislature.
4. There was discussion of appointment of the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee and the Legislative Budget Committee. Senator Emler moved to appoint the chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Education as chairperson of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee and the chairperson of the House Standing committee on Education as vice chairperson; and to appoint the chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations as chairperson of the Legislative Budget Committee and the chairperson of the Senate Standing committee on Ways and Means as vice

chairperson. Representative Siegfroid seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. There was discussion of the membership of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. Currently there are five majority party members and one minority party member from the Senate and four majority party members and three minority party members from the House of Representatives. Under statute, the LCC determines the number of LEPC members who shall be members of the respective parties. Based on the current proportion of members of each party in the House of Representatives, five of the members of the Committee from the House of Representatives should be members of the majority party and two should be members of the minority party. Representative O'Neal moved that the membership of the Committee be changed accordingly. Representative Siegfroid seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Mr. Russell reviewed availability of redistricting office space for Senate and House majority and minority caucuses. Speaker O'Neal moved to make additional space available for that purpose in the current copy room across from the House Minority Leader's office. Senator Emler seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, reviewed LCC Policy 33, relating to communications of legislative committees with federal and state officials and agencies. After discussion, Ms. Torrence was asked to draft language to make it clear that nonpolicy communications by an interim or joint committee are authorized at any time with approval of both the President and the Speaker, and nonpolicy communications by a Senate or House committee are authorized at any time with the approval of either the President or the Speaker, respectively.
8. Jason Long, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes, reviewed a memorandum summarizing a proposed contract with Propylon for technical support and services for the Kansas Legislative Information Services System (KLISS) for FY 2012. There was discussion of whether Propylon had met the deliverables requested in the March 30 letter sent to Propylon by the President and Speaker. Action on approval of the contract was deferred until the next LCC meeting by which time staff was requested to provide the members with an update on completion of the deliverables.
9. Eunice Peters, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the status of school finance litigation which has been filed. The case in state district court, *Gannon, et al. v. State*, is in discovery and trial is not expected until this time next year. The case in federal district court, *Petrella v. Brownback, et al.*, has been dismissed and plaintiffs have filed an appeal.
10. Mr. Russell reviewed the legislative bottled water policy in light of the Legislature's elimination from the budget of money for bottled water. He stated that the legislature will discontinue its contract at the end of fiscal year 2011, which will save approximately \$4,100 annually. Individual offices may make arrangements for bottled water as they determine appropriate.

Discussion of dates and locations of meetings of the Redistricting Advisory Group was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 28, 2011.

Members of the Council also received a memorandum from the Office of Revisor of Statutes updating the Council on court cases of interest.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

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Revisor of Statutes
as Secretary

Approved by

President Stephen R. Morris
Chairperson