

MINUTES

Legislative Post Audit Committee September 24, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mast at 10:05 a.m. in Room 423-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Representative Peggy Mast, Chair
Representative Tom Burroughs
Representative John Grange
Representative Virgil Peck
Representative Tom Sawyer

Senator Nick Jordan, Vice-Chair
Senator Les Donovan
Senator Derek Schmidt

Approval of Minutes

Representative Sawyer moved approval of the August 24th, 2007, minutes. Representative Grange seconded the motion; motion carried.

Results of the 2007 Legislator Survey

Barb Hinton, Post Auditor, went over results of a survey that went out in July to all legislators asking their opinions about the Committee's and the Division's operations. At the Committee's direction, this survey is sent to all legislators in odd-numbered years. Ms. Hinton also went over the written comments legislators made, as well as suggestions for future audit topics.

Performance Audit Topics

Consideration of Audit Requests. Leo Hafner, Deputy Post Auditor, took members through the list of legislators' audit requests and the list of staff suggestions for possible audit topics. He also distributed copies of a new 200-hour audit scope statement approved by the Chair dealing with the Kansas Corporation Commission, looking at issues related to consumer complaints.

Representative Ann Mah addressed the Committee in support of audit topic #10, *Liquor Drink Tax: Determining Whether Moneys Returned to Local Units of Government Are Being Used for Allowed Purposes.*

Representative Burroughs moved to approve request #3, *HealthWave: Determining Whether the Program's Call Center Is Working As It Should.* Representative Sawyer seconded the motion; motion passed.

Senator Jordan moved to approve request #15, *Economic Development: Determining the Amounts the State Has Spent on Economic Development Programs and*

the Economic Impacts on Kansas Counties. Representative Burroughs seconded the motion; motion passed.

Representative Peck moved to approve request #11, *Foster Care: Reviewing Selected Issues Related to State Contracts for Foster Care and Family Preservation Services.* Representative Mast seconded the motion; motion passed.

Representative Burroughs moved to approve request #14, *Developmental Disabilities: Reviewing the Use of Appropriations Intended To Upgrade the Wages of Caregivers.* Senator Donovan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Senator Schmidt moved to approve request #4, *Kansas Use Law: Reviewing Issues Related to the Quality and Price of Goods and the Compensation of Executives.* Representative Peck seconded the motion; motion passed.

Legislative Post Audit Committee Operations

Report of the LPAC Subcommittee on the Division's FY 2009 Budget

Request: At the Committee's July 11th meeting, the Chair appointed a 3-member subcommittee to review and make recommendations on the Division's budget request: Representative Mast (Chair), Senator Jordan, and Representative Sawyer. The Subcommittee met on September 19th. Among the items the Subcommittee considered was the Division's request for a new computer-support position.

Representative Mast, Subcommittee Chair, reported the Subcommittee's recommendations and moved that the Committee approve the budget request, including the request for a new computer-support position. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion; motion passed. The Division's request will be forwarded to the Legislative Coordinating Council for its review and approval. It will be taken up with the other legislative agency budget requests at the LCC's October 10th meeting. The Division's request also will be considered by the Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees during the 2008 legislative session.

Ms. Hinton noted that the Subcommittee had encouraged her to proceed with hiring the new computer-support position immediately. This would fill one of the Division's 26 currently-authorized positions, and one of the three current vacancies. She said that, unless the full Committee objected, she intended to proceed. Members voiced no objections.

Evaluation of the Post Auditor. Vice-Chair Jordan made the following motion: "I move that the open meeting of the Legislative Post Audit Committee in Room 423-S of the Statehouse be recessed for a closed, executive meeting to commence immediately in Room 423-S of the Statehouse pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-4319, as amended by section 16 of Chapter 177 of the 2007 Session Laws of Kansas, for a discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel relating to the annual evaluation of the Legislative Post Auditor which is under consideration by

the Legislative Post Audit Committee, to protect the privacy interests of the individual, that the Legislative Post Audit Committee resume the open meeting in Room 423-S of the Statehouse at 11:20 a.m., and that this motion, if adopted, be recorded in the minutes of the Legislative Post Audit Committee and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Committee.”

Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion carried; adopted at 11:00 a.m. on September 24, 2007.

Open meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

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Status of follow-up items. Ms. Hinton noted there was nothing new to report.

Budget update. Ms. Hinton presented a summary of the Division’s budget status through August 2007.

Audits in process. Ms. Hinton discussed the schedule showing the status of the performance audits under way, and answered members’ questions.

Status of audits requested and approved. Ms. Hinton briefly discussed the table showing the sources of the audits that have been requested and approved.

Old/New Business

None.

Date of Next Meeting

The Chair set the next meeting for Tuesday, October 30th, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 519-S.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

(All handouts and other documents referred to in these minutes are on file with Legislative Post Audit)