

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE WATER COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in room 152-S.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Damien Gilbert, Committee Assistant  
Meredith Fry, Legislative Research Department  
Victoria Potts, Legislative Research Department  
Zach Fridell, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

### **Briefing by staff on: KOMA and KORA Compliance**

Zach Fridell, Revisor, gave a virtual presentation on compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act ([Attachment 1](#)) and the Kansas Open Records Act ([Attachment 2](#)). He reminded the committee of their obligations to record and make public record of discussions related to committee business, as well as the importance of maintaining physical records, subject to a \$500 civil fine.

### **Committee and Staff Introductions**

The committee members introduced themselves and their districts, while staff introduced themselves and their jobs.

### **Review of Committee Rules**

Chairperson Highland called for questions about the proposed rules ([Attachment 3](#)). Hearing none, he declared them accepted.

### **Discussion on Committee's Purpose and Scope**

Chairperson Highland began discussion on the purpose of the committee and the general plan for the session. He said there will be lots of reading, and the material can be dense and confusing, but organizing the information is an important task that belongs to the committee. He continued that the committee would be hearing from and learning about all 16 state agencies with duties related to water, and using that information to create a highly detailed org chart of water governance in the state.