

MINUTES

2010 COMMISSION

April 18, 2008

Room 123-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson
Dr. Ray Daniels, Vice-Chairperson
Carolyn Campbell
Dennis Jones
Steve Iliff
Barbara Hinton, *ex officio*
Lee Urban, *ex officio*

Staff Present

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Chairperson Chronister called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Barbara Hinton introduced her staff.

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department, and Dale Dennis, Kansas State Department of Education, presented a legislative status report, including the status of recommendations of the 2010 Commission to the 2008 Legislature. Commission members expressed some dismay regarding the lack of action on 2010 Commission recommendations, not only in the current year, but in past years. Discussion regarding the lack of action by the Legislature on the Commission's early childhood recommendations took place. Commission members discussed the status of Children's Initiatives Funds (CIF). Chairperson Chronister requested staff provide Commission members with a description of the statutory requirements for use of these funds, as well as actions the Commission might take if a decision is made to challenge the use of the CIF.

The following Legislative Division of Post Audit performance audits were presented:

- *Reviewing Issues Related to Special Education Funding* by Heidi Zimmerman, Auditor ; and
- *Determining the Reasons for Variations in Virtual School Costs and Estimating the Impact of a Second Count Date on School District Funding*, both by Brenda Heafey, Auditor.

(Audits can be found at the Legislative Post Audit website:
<http://www.kslegislature.org/postaudit.>)

Laurel Murdie, Senior Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit, presented a status report regarding audits underway (Attachment 1).

Commission members discussed the role of the Commission and future actions that could be taken, especially in light of the Commission's expiration date on December 30, 2010. Commission member Lee Urban indicated he would assist in a review of the Commission's work by developing a chart tracking the progress the State has made in meeting the requirements of the Kansas Supreme Court decision *Montoy, et al. v. State of Kansas, et al.* Legislative Research staff was asked to prepare a list of Commission recommendations, as well as the status of each, from the time the Commission started to the present.

Members tentatively decided to meet on June 30 and July 1, reserving one day to hear newly completed performance audits and the 21st Century Schools Report, and a second day to do "outside the box" thinking regarding the Commission's future role.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Prepared by Sharon Wenger

Approved by Commission on:

May 9, 2008

Date