

Approved: January 28, 2009  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 3:30 p.m. on January 20, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused  
Representative Melody McCray-Miller- excused

Committee staff present:

Gary Deeter, Administrative Assistant  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rena Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chair asked members to introduce themselves.

The Chair commented on rules for the committee and rules for conferees (Attachments 1 and 2). He noted that the committee will rely on electronic resources to conduct its business; however, members are free to bring paper copies if they wish.

The Chair stated that the committee's purpose is to identify more efficient ways to conduct state government and seek ways to maximize state resources. As an example, he noted that the whistle-blower statute needs to be strengthened.

The Chair invited members to share ideas to further the committee's work. The following members offered conceptual motions to develop legislation:

Representative Neufeld suggested examining off-budget items, noting that the transparency act could be expanded to create inducements for reducing agency expenditures. The motion was seconded by Representative Burgess and passed unanimously.

Representative Burgess made a motion to create a performance measurement management program, to allow pricing flexibility for online transactions, to develop a budget stabilization fund, and to investigate possible sale of state properties. Seconded by Representative Sloan, the motion passed unanimously.

Representative Loganbill recommended developing legislation to limit paper reports, to utilize electronic dissemination of information, and to replace state vehicles with hybrids. Representative Spalding seconded

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the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Chair noted the use of sunset provisions in previous decades to reduce agency spending, and he asked members to consider decentralizing some state government. He commented that spending at Regents' universities has increased dramatically since 2004 and raised the question as to whether student populations have increased commensurately. The Chair requested Representative Spalding to provide further information regarding K-12 education. Representative Vickrey requested staff provide information regarding Utah's move to a four-day work week.

The Chair recommended that, instead of sub-committees, the members form working groups to study the issues raised by members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2009.

### **Addendum:**

Following the meeting, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Ranking Member met with staff to select working groups to study topics brought forward by members. The following work groups were formed:

- Whistle-Blower Act: **Representatives Vickrey (lead), Roth, and McCray-Miller;**
- Budget transparency, including off-budget items such as homestead property tax refunds and revenue transfers: **Representatives Neufeld (lead), Landwehr, Gatewood, and Ruiz;**
- Performance measurement management programs, statutory fees, pricing of goods from the Industries for the Blind, a statutory framework for a budget stabilization fund with a mechanism for replenishing the fund, and sale of state assets: **Representatives Burgess (lead), Morrison, and Trimmer**
- In-house savings for legislative publications, such as statute books, briefing books, etc., replacing state vehicles with hybrids, implementing energy conservation measures, determining how many properties the state owns, non-educational mandates for K-12, more sunset audits done by Post Audit, and standardizing Regents' universities budgets: **Representatives Spalding (lead), Loganbill, Sloan, Henderson.**