

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON KPERS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sharon Schwartz at 3:40 p.m. on February 25, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except.

Representative Harold Lane - Absent  
Representative Robert Olson - Excuse  
Rep. Jeff Whitham - Absent

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carol Bertram, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chair Schwartz informed the Committee she had received word from Speaker Michael R. O'Neal that in accordance with Joint Rules of the Senate & House #4 (d), the Select Committee on KPERS is designated as an exempt committee. A hard copy of the memorandum will be sent to each committee member by the committee assistant.

Committee members have received copies of the minutes for the January 29, 2009 and February 9, 2009 meetings. Chair Schwartz asked if there was a motion to approve these minutes. Representative Long moved the January 29 and February 9 minutes of the KPERS meetings be approved as written, seconded by Representative Shultz. The motion carried.

Chair Schwartz opened the meeting on **SB 219 - Moratorium on employer contributions for death and disability benefits under KPERS.**

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, explained **SB 219** and noted the amendments which had been made in the Ways and Means Committee. He also noted the funding mechanism which provides for the contributions being made to the fund.

Chair Schwartz recognized Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, who presented testimony in regard to **SB 219 (Attachment 1)**. He stated the bill provides for a plan of death and long-term disability benefits for active KPERS members, and that it accelerates the effective date of the moratorium to March 1, 2009. He urged rapid consideration and enactment of **SB 219** in order for it to accommodate the March 1 implementation date in **SB 23**. Also, KPERS has communicated with employers that this bill providing for the moratorium is pending, but has not passed.

Questions and answers followed.

Chair Schwartz closed the hearing on **SB 219**.

Chair Schwartz brought the Committee's attention to **HB 2072** for consideration. Gordon Self, Staff, presented the Committee with a brief overview of **HB 2072**.

Representative Flaharty moved that **HB 2072** be amended by deleting paragraph 10, lines 19 through 28 on page 3 of the bill, seconded by Representative Long. She stated this would remove the cap. Motion carried.

Representative Flaharty moved the Committee recommend **HB 2072** favorably for passage as amended, seconded by Representative Long. The motion carried.

Chair Schwartz brought the Committee back to **SB 219** for action. It was moved by Representative Shultz that the Committee recommend **SB 219** favorably for passage, seconded by Representative Carlson. There

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was a brief discussion where committee members asked for clarification of certain items contained in the bill.  
The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Representative Sharon Schwartz, Chair