

MINUTES

2010 COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE MEETING

December 16, 2008

Commission Members Present on the Teleconference Call

Rochelle Chronister, Chairperson
Dr. Ray Daniels, Vice-Chairperson
Dennis Jones
Carolyn Campbell
Representative Sue Storm
Representative Clay Aurand
Emile McGill
Barbara Hinton

Staff Present

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kristen Kellems, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Others Present

Three others identified themselves as listening in on the teleconference meeting.

Chairperson Chronister called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, explained the purpose of the call.

In order to help find potential savings that could ease the state's current budget issues, the Legislative Post Audit Committee recently approved a performance audit focusing on identifying low-priority programs in state agencies. As part of that audit, staff from the Division of Legislative Post Audit (LPA) will work with a large sample of state agencies to compile a list of the programs they administer that are funded in full or in part by state dollars; identify those that have the lowest priorities; and estimate the potential cost savings if those programs were eliminated, either in the short-term or permanently. A copy of the scope statement the Legislative Post Audit Committee approved is Attachment 1. To make sure this audit report can be helpful for the coming Session, the Committee directed LPA to provide the report by no later than mid-March and, preferably, earlier.

To help LPA meet that deadline, and with the support of Senator Derek Schmidt and Chairwoman Chronister, LPA is asking the 2010 Commission to approve the use of the school audit team on this project. The team would first work specifically on identifying programs in the Department of Education, and then help identify programs in other state agencies as needed.

Barbara Hinton estimated that the team would continue working on this project no later than the end of February.

Because the school audit team's work is directed by the 2010 Commission, this request will need to be approved by the Commission in a manner that complies with open meeting requirements.

Ms. Hinton told Commission members that the school audit team should be finished with its work on this audit by the end of February 2009.

Dr. Ray Daniels moved and Representative Sue Storm seconded the motion approving the request to use the school audit team on the performance audit entitled "Low-Priority Programs: Determining How Much Money Could Be Saved from Eliminating Non-Essential Programs in State Government. The Commission unanimously approved.

The teleconference call ended at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Prepared by Sharon Wenger

Approved by the 2010 Commission on:

January 2, 2009
(date)