

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

May 20, 2005

Members present:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson  
Speaker Doug Mays, Vice-Chairperson  
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader  
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader  
Representative Clay Aurand, Majority Leader  
Representative Ray Merrick, Speaker Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 11:50 a.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Speaker Mays reported to the Council the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommends that: Commencing on June 5, 2005, moneys budgeted for the payment of salaries of staff in legislative leadership offices be increased by an amount to provide a 1.0% increase from that authorized for FY 2005 for each such office for such purposes and be increased by an amount that would provide a 2.5% increase from that authorized for FY 2005 for each such office for the last 14 pay periods of fiscal year 2006; that commencing on June 5, 2005, the Director of Legislative Administrative Services, the Director of Legislative Research and the Revisor of Statutes be authorized to fix compensation and salaries for personnel within their respective offices (for whom they are authorized to fix salaries and compensation) including the payment of longevity compensation for personnel in amounts equal to and subject to the same eligibility requirements as that authorized and prescribed by law for personnel in the classified service, within the limitations of moneys appropriated by the legislature for such purposes; that commencing on June 5, 2005, the biweekly salaries of the Director of Legislative Administrative Services, Director of Legislative Research, Legislative Post Auditor and Revisor of Statutes be increased by an amount equal to 1.25% of the biweekly rate of pay in effect immediately prior to such date as authorized for such persons by the Legislative Coordinating Council (if moneys are

available in the particular agency budget therefor) and commencing on December 4, 2005, the biweekly salaries be increased an additional 1.25% of the biweekly rate of pay in effect immediately prior to June 5, 2005, if moneys were available to pay a 1.25% increase effective June 5, 2005, or be increased an additional 2.5% of the biweekly rate of pay in effect immediately prior to June 5, 2005, if moneys were not available to pay a 1.25% increase effective June 5, 2005, together with the payment of longevity compensation for eligible personnel in amounts equal to and subject to the same eligibility requirements as that authorized and prescribed by law for personnel in the classified service; and that commencing on June 5, 2005, the biweekly salaries of full-time legislative employees not otherwise covered by this memo or under the Kansas public employees retirement system shall be increased by 1.0 % of the biweekly rate of pay in effect for such persons for the preceding biweekly payroll period (for compensation in lieu of longevity) and by an additional 1.25% of the biweekly rate of pay in effect for such persons for the preceding biweekly payroll period if moneys are available therefor and commencing on December 4, 2005, the biweekly rate of pay be increased an additional 1.25% of the biweekly rate of pay in effect for such persons immediately prior to June 5, 2005, if such pay was increased previously during fiscal year 2006 by 1.25% as authorized by this paragraph, or be increased an additional 2.5% of the biweekly rate of pay in effect for such persons immediately prior to June 5, 2005, if such pay was not increased commencing on June 5, 2005, by 1.25% as authorized by this paragraph, and any such employee may receive additional salary and compensation as may be authorized by the appointing authority for such employee; laptop computers be acquired for all legislators prior to the 2006 regular session of the legislature and the addition of 2.3 computer support staff positions within the legislature's budget to support the legislative laptops and in addition recommended that the staff report back to the future meeting on the computer architectural systems for the laptops; Representative Sloan and Senator Barone be appointed as delegates to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission with Representative Ballard and Senator Schodorf alternates; the legislature pay the increased dues for the Midwestern Higher Education Commission for fiscal year 2006 above the amount appropriated to the state board of regents for such purpose in the amount of \$7,500; travel by legislators for the American Legislative Exchange Counsel (ALEC) be handled in the same manner as legislative travel for National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and Council of State Governments (CSG) events; and legislators authorized to attend the annual Kansas Geological Survey tour receive an enroute day, mileage from point of departure and salary on all days of the tour. Speaker Mays moved that the

recommendations of the subcommittee be approved. Senator Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In addition, the subcommittee received a report from Mrs. Janet Jones, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, that the Kansas Systems Review Team had approved proceeding with Phase I (developmental services) of the legislative branch information systems strategic plan and received a status report from Mr. Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer, on the overall legislative branch information systems strategic plan.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Prior to the meeting members of the Council received a memorandum on council subcommittee appointments for 2005 from President Morris, Policy 1 travel authorizations from President Morris and Speaker Mays and a Policy 20 travel authorization from President Morris.

The next three meetings of the Council were scheduled for \*June 20, 2005, July 18, 2005, and August 29, 2005, at a time to be specified.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

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as Secretary

Approved by

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President Steve Morris, Chairperson

\* The June 20, 2005, meeting of the Council was canceled.