

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL
July 7, 2025

Members participating:

President Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Speaker Dan Hawkins, Vice Chairperson
Senator Chase Blasi, Majority Leader
Senator Tim Shallenburger, Vice President
Senator Dinah Sykes, Minority Leader
Representative Chris Croft, Majority Leader
Representative Brandon Woodard, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 7, 2025, in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Masterson presented the minutes for the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council held on May 8, 2025, for consideration and approval. Senator Chase Blasi moved that the minutes as presented be approved. Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Masterson recognized Ms. Shirley Morrow, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who described a request for 10 interim meeting days with approval for travel by the Water Program Task Force created pursuant to 2025 House Bill No. 2172. In addition, Vice Chairperson Dan Hawkins requested two interim meeting days for the House Select Committee on Government Oversight created by the Speaker. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved that the House Select Committee on Government Oversight be approved for two interim committee days and the Water Program Task Force be approved for four interim committee meeting days. House Majority Leader Chris Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Chairperson Masterson recognized Ms. Morrow, who presented proposed general instructions for budget preparation and submission of the revised FY 2026 and FY 2027 budget requests for the Legislature and Legislative Agencies as follows: (1) Determinations related to salaries, wages and legislator expenses: (a) The FY 2026 budget submission would be based on the current compensation rate of \$43,000 annually adjusted to match the three-year average percent change for the previous three full calendar years of available data as reflected in the Bureau of Labor Statistics percent change in Kansas All Employees Average Annual Wage. Based on CY 2024 preliminary data there would be a salary adjustment of 4.4% and increase the base legislative compensation to \$44,892 per year. (b) The adjusted annual compensation would be effective from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Legislators will continue to receive 65.74% of their annual compensation from January through June of each fiscal year. (c) Legislator daily subsistence rate would be \$178 per day, which reflects the current rate or a different rate that might be certified by the federal government effective on October 1, 2025; (2) step movement or any cost-of-living adjustments in the pay plan for service agency staff would not be included, but position reclassifications or progression up the staff career ladder would be reflected in the respective agency budgets. Any other adjustments would be completed within existing resources; (3) for legislative leadership, legislative leadership premium pay would be adjusted to reflect the new annual compensation rate described above; (4) an additional year of longevity bonus payments would be included for those eligible employees utilizing the FY 2026 rate of \$40 per year of service

for those employees hired prior to June 15, 2008; (5) fringe benefit adjustments would be based on those being utilized by executive branch agencies; (6) for legislators, additional salary rate for interim committee meetings will be \$180 per day in addition to the annual salary starting on January 1, 2026; (7) legislature budgets would include the necessary adjustments for the legislative computerization project (KLISS); and (8) the budget of the Office of Revisor of Statutes would include the necessary adjustments for the printing of hardbound volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and Supplements thereto. Senate Majority Leader Chase Blasi moved to approve the general instructions and authorize the preparation of such budgets by legislative agencies. Vice Chairperson Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Masterson described the process regarding annual reviews and legislative agency head salary recommendations. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved that the Subcommittee on Administration be authorized on behalf of the LCC to conduct annual reviews and determine any merit-based salary increases for legislative branch agency heads. Senate Minority Leader Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, who provided an update on the KLISS Modernization Project. Mr. Day stated that the KLISS Modernization Project Steering Committee has informed Propylon that the production deployment of the KLISS bill drafting system will not occur on June 30, 2025, as planned due to the fact that there is required functionality not yet ready. The steering committee will approve a production deployment only after all required functionality is available. This functionality includes conference committee report, appropriations and additional table functionality. A session-ready system will be deployed before October 1, 2025. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, who provided specific information regarding the bill drafting component of the modernization project with emphasis on the extensive testing process to evaluate the effectiveness and readiness of the new system. Mr. Self stated that the bill drafting system is not production ready to be implemented for use during the 2026 legislative session. Members of the LCC indicated an intention to have the system ready prior to October 1, 2025, and be provided frequent updates on progress of the project.
6. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Day, who provided an update on the Legislative CITO position. Mr. Day stated that the position open advertisement has been posed with a deadline for submitting an application of July 25, 2025.
7. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Day, who provided information on proposed upgrades to House voting boards and member voting consoles by International Roll Call that included a description of the new system, the total cost of the project of \$494,408 and a proposed completion date in November 2025. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to approve replacing the House chamber's existing voting system control equipment and member voting consoles and running new cable to each member's desk. House Majority Leader Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Chairperson Masterson provided information regarding the possible extension of the current bill tracking service subscription. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to extend the current bill tracking service subscription with KanFocus through June 30, 2026, retroactive to July 1, 2025. Senate Minority Leader Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Chairperson Masterson recognized Colonel Erik Smith, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, who pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2105(b) provided an update on changes within the Capitol Police. The Kansas Highway Patrol plans to reclassify employees serving as Law Enforcement Officers within the Capitol Police as Troopers.

10. Chairperson Masterson provided background information and opened discussion on possible action by the LCC pursuant to law to extend by one year the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to pursue a STAR bond district and project for a major professional sports complex. Vice Chairperson Hawkins indicated that an extension was not preferred but in fairness to the teams as a result of the slow response to teams submissions by the executive branch, an extension was appropriate. Notwithstanding the statutory extension, Vice Chairperson Hawkins indicated his intent that any proposals be presented by the secretary to the LCC on or before December 31, 2025. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,181(b), to extend the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to negotiate an agreement with one or more major professional sports franchises or to pursue a major professional sports franchise star bond district and project with a city or county for the purpose of establishing a major professional sports franchise STAR bond district and project or projects for a major professional sports complex and that the extension of authority be contingent on the Secretary of Commerce bringing any such proposed agreement to this committee for approval prior to January 1, 2026. House Minority Leader Brandon Woodard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,181(b) to extend the statutory deadline to June 30, 2026. Senate Minority Leader Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Upon completion of all business before the LCC, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Gordon L. Self
Revisor of Statutes
as Secretary

Approved by

President Masterson
Chairperson