PROPOSED MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

July 30, 2026

Members participating:

Speaker Dan Hawkins, Chairperson
President Ty Masterson, Vice Chairperson
Representative Blake Carpenter, Speaker Pro Tempore
Representative Chris Croft, Majority Leader
Representative Brandon Woodard, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Hawkins at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 30, 2026, in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Hawkins presented the minutes for the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) held on June 30, 2026, for consideration and approval. Vice Chairperson Ty Masterson moved to approve the minutes as presented. House Majority Leader Chris Croft seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Chairperson Hawkins recognized Ms. Shirley Morrow, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who presented proposed general instructions for budget preparation and submission of the revised FY 2027 and 2028 budget requests for the Legislature and Legislative Agencies as follows: (1) Determinations related to salaries, wages and legislator expenses: (a) The FY 2027 budget submission would be based on the current compensation rate of $44,892 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 FY 2025 preliminary data there would be a salary adjustment of 4% and increase the base legislative compensation to $46,688 per year. (b)The adjusted annual compensation would be effective from January 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028. 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, 2026; (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 2027 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 $187.20 per day in addition to the annual salary starting on January 1, 2027; (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 volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and Supplements thereto.

- Provisions with 2026 HB 2513 which impact all state agencies; including legislative agencies;

    - At the end of FY 2027, SGF funding associated with positions that have been vacant for more than 60 days will be lapsed;

    - All applicants requesting state-associated funds must provide the following information before funds are distributed: a statement of purpose, measurable outcome metrics, and a description of how progress will be measured. Applicants would receive 50.0 percent of the funds awarded upfront and 50.0 percent upon demonstration of measurable progress toward declared outcome metrics.

Vice Chairperson Masterson moved to approve the general instructions and authorize the preparation of such budgets by legislative agencies. House Majority Leader Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Chairperson Hawkins recognized Mr. Altaf Uddin, Legislative CITO, who provided an update on Legislative agency and staff computer upgrades. The LCC approved purchase of the computers at the Council's April 30, 2026, meeting. Mr. Uddin stated that sample computers have been received from Dell. After assessing the capabilities of the samples, an order was placed. Mr. Uddin stated that the new computers will be ready prior to the 2027 Legislative session.

4. Chairperson Hawkins recognized Mr. Uddin who provided an update on the KLISS Modernization Project. Mr. Uddin indicated that Propylon has been providing beta releases for testing on almost a weekly basis. He stated that a beta releases are builds of software to test functionality and provide an opportunity to test software fixes and provide immediate feedback. This testing sequence is required pursuant to the addendum to the contract. Propylon will deliver a drafting UAT build in the middle of August for in depth testing by IT, chamber, and the Revisor's Office. This extensive testing should last three to five weeks and include a mock Legislative Session component.

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

Prepared by

Gordon L. Self
Revisor of Statutes
as Secretary

Approved by

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Speaker Dan Hawkins
Chairperson